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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

DESPATCHES TO ENGLAND 1711–1714

FORT ST. GEORGE GENERAL, DATED 20TH AUGUST & 4TH SEPTR. 1711. RECD. PER BOUVERIE, 9TH SEPTEMBER 1712 AND PER TANKERVILLE THE 17TH DITTO.

1. The last ship dispatcht was the Frederick her Letter began the 27th December and was finisht the 25th January 1710. She sail'd the 28th. Since then have received the Company's Generall Letters of the 9th January 1709 by the St. George of the 5th and 7th July 1710 by the Successe and the 3d January 1710 per Dartmouth Aurengzebe and Averilla with all the Papers in their Packetts to all which shall answer in the Company's prescribed method. Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. I. p. 285.

2. Shall carefully peruse and observe all the Company's orders cautions and prohibitions and comply with all their promises in former Letters.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING OUT AND HOME.

3. Shall comply with the Company's directions about the Howland gon for China when she arrives. Two Madrass ships now at Canton with large stocks besides severall summes sent on a Portugeez for Gold and a man of war of Goa with a stock also for Gold so fear the Howland will not be early dispatcht nor any of the ships gett profit, and they have as many ships already as can dispatch. Shall not fear the inconveniencys mention'd in the 8th Paragraph of taking up money at Interest having Pagodas 34,000 in Cash on the Presidents Arrivall 50,000 due from the Warehouse all the Stock brought by the Ships and the Revenues.

4. The 9th Paragraph advises the Company would send to the Bay 180,000*l*. to the Coast 90,000*l*. the residue of 270,000*l*. the Totall to be sent to both places that season but having no Account of the Derbys Cargo dont know how much to send to the Bay could be glad this might be ascertain'd for the future to prevent disputes.

5. Shall endeavour to keep a good correspondence with the Bay and cooperate with them for the publick good and to that end shall advise them on all occasions. Cant repart the Coast and Bay Goods as ordered occasion'd by the transactions of the late Presidency has not half Bales enough for the Hallifax to be dispatcht in October. The Sherborn on their hands and are in debt (for the Bales received from thence) to the Bay the President hopes to amend this hereafter.

6. Clause in Captains Instructions to keep company together outward bound very proper in these times the President by his remarks outward bound thinks it ought to be in charterparty with a Penalty as per enclosed Papers between him and Captain Upton, had he not been aboard the three ships had not kept company to Madrass.

7. Beg pardon for not advising of the French ships under Monsieur Grangemont by the Heathcote anno 1709.

8. Shall write to the Bay to act in concert for the safety of the homeward bound ships.

9. They keep a good correspondence with Pondicherry and find it for the Companys Interest and the Countrey Ships.

10. Shall follow the Companys orders in the 16th Paragraph for employing their ships in India to satisfaction.

11. Shall take care all ships be survey'd and repair'd before they begin to lade.

12. Pardon beg'd for the Composition made with the Freighters of the Kent will study the Companys interest in all things which they hope is an answer to the 23th Paragraph.

13. The Councill at St. Davids blameworthy for not protesting against Captain Hudson and Captain Phripp because they would carry no Bales to Madrass such neglects shall be remedy'd hereafter.

14. The Heathcote was ordered to be dispatcht immediately Hallifax and Frederick arriv'd too late to be unladen and sent to the Bay to get there in December. Did not think it adviseable to send the secret orders overland but shall do it for the future since the Company seem to approve it if necessity requires. Hallifax did go the China voyage but might have been sooner dispatcht to the Bay.

15. Shall use words at length for numbers instead of figures the mistake in the Rupees sent to the Bay by the Summers was as the Company observed.

16. Have due supplys of Packing Stuff &c^{a}. from the Bay when wanted.

17. Shall supply St. Helena with Arrack, Rice &c^{a}. when reasonable or order more from the Bay.

18. Do observe the orders about lading Petre shall depend on the Bay for its fineness having their assurances to send only fine.

19. Shall observe the Secrett Committees orders.

20. Refer to the Consultations and former Generall Letter for the reasons for not despatching the Bouverie.

21. Copy of the Letter sent via Suratt the 31st March now in the Packett.

22. Glad to hear so many Ships arriv'd safe wish the same Successe annually.

23. They wish the number of ships taken up for all parts of India may succeed well.

24. The Successe arrived in the Bay the 4th March the 27th May received from thence the Companys Letters by her of the 5th and 7th June.

25. Have advised the Hallifax arriv'd the 22th March from China and being survey'd as per Consultations of the 26th March and 2d April advanced the Captain 2,000 Pagodas he having desir'd a supply. The Fredericks Letter promised when the Hallifax return'd from China her short tonnage and Dammage of Goods from the Bay should be adjusted. Three of the Council were ordered to adjust with the Captain as per Consultation of the 18th April, 9th May they reported the Captain having no power from his Owners desir'd the account might be determined in England this was thought sufficient and so rested till the new President arrived.

26. Refer to Consultations of the 3d, 7th, 9th and 14th March for account of Captain Raymonds seizing a vessell in Madrass Road come from Pondicherry belonging to the Moors-his submission is some attonement for his indiscretion and the affront to the Government of Madrass such proceedings terrify the Natives hurt the Revenues and may put the French upon retalliating if so the Bales from St. Davids may be seized and occasion great trouble and charge to free them. If the Captains were under a Penalty they would not take out letters of Marque as now they do the Governour (if the Company don't order the contrary) will fire on a ship that violates the freedom of the Port but can't answer for the tameness of the then Predecessor.

27. Have for three years past been surrounded with the French yet preserv'd the Companys Estate and shall still do so if the Captains rashness don't make the French alter their measures.

28. St. George arriv'd the 22th April last from Galley the 27th they asked his reasons for parting with the outward bound fleet and loosing his passage and an account of the souldiers put on board him in England of which have received but 31. his answer enter'd in the Consultation the 2d May very frivolous and unsatisfactory.

29. Refer to Consultations of the 7th, 10th and 21th May for an account of Captain Goodmans opening the Companys Treasure at Gallee or elsewhere some say it was at Madera the Consultation being not fully exprest have made the following remaks the Captain never gave any Account of it till the silver was found wanting nor show'd any attestation of the fact signed as usuall by his Officers the Captains account is 91 oz. less than the Invoice of Chest N°. 142 and is the only Chest he owns he open'd the Chests N°. 54, 239, and 241 wanted 264 oz. Suppos'd to be open'd by his Officers following his example the bags of two appear'd plainly to have been open'd it is very strange Captain Goodman outward bound at a Dutch Port should be so pressing for money as if he had no stock of his own or the ships and that he should stay so long at Gallee hope the Company will enquire into it and prevent it for the future.

30. Refer to Consultation of the 21th May how the dammaged Cloth per St. George was adjusted the Captain sold it for less than half Invoice price.

31. Bale of Broadcloth N°. B per St. George invoiced at 6 Cloths all scarlett had only 6 pieces Scarlett and 3 Medleys.

32. By Consultation of the 23th May the St. George was lett to Messrs. Davenport and Molineux for 8,000 Pagodas to Bengall and Suratt and 10,000 if she went to Persia and to be return'd by the 5th August 1712 the 11th June sent her to Vizagapatam with Pagodas 11184:34: in money and goods from thence she was to go to the Bay with Rupees 406,000—being value 160380 Pagodas.

33. The 10th July arriv'd the Dartmouth Aurungzebe and Averilla. The President Harrison went ashore the 11th his Commission being read in Council the Keys of the Fort were deliver'd him and the Ballance of the Cash being Pagodas 34651:10:1 by the late Governour.

34. Howland and Hester sail'd from the Cape for China the 29th April. The Windsor did not touch there Loyall Cooke Donnegall Blenheim King William Carleton 2 Bristol Privateers and their Prize sail'd with the Dutch fleet for Europe 2d May the Fleet frigott from Bombay arriv'd the Cape sail'd the 12th for St. Helena. The 8th May arriv'd the Frederick from Madras with Mr. Roberts on board at the Cape. The London parted from the outward bound ships the 21th May 240 leagues to the Eastward of Cape Falso.

35. Mr. Raworth sent down with the 5 Europe ships to Fort St. Davids to meliorate the State of affairs there with 100 of their best souldiers one Ensign 4 Sarjeants ammunition and provisions as per List enclosed-they sail'd the 17th but by contrary winds did not arrive till the 9th August Sail'd thence the 12th and got into Madrass Road the 13th August forced to dispatch them so early that might get into the Bay and might also hasten home the Bouverie.

36. The Tankerville left Bombay the 3d May and arriv'd Madrass the 22d July Captain Newnams reasons for this deviation enter'd after the Consultation of the 23th July which refer to the Company have not prest him to be gon that he might accompany the Bouverie.

37. The Tankerville left the Dutchess and Catherine at Bombay the 1st intended to go down the Mallabar Coast for pepper the other freighting for Persia.

38. Howland and Hester Sail'd from Batavia for Canton the 3d July. The Stringer Galley left Batavia the beginning of June-Rochester was at Chusan in March have no later news of her.

39. The Companys Countrey shipping of Madrass are the President of 3 Masts 95 ton, the Madapollam Yatch 25 ton, the Rising Sun Smack about 70 tons.

40. The 12th June sent down the President to Metchlepatam to carry the present thence to the Bay how she had been employ'd before the former Councill are to account for who had ordered her from Bengall to proceed to the West Coast but the Jane being expected and having no news from thence of their wanting Bay goods have ordered her to return to the Fort.

41. The Madapollam which was blown ashore at St. Davids in April 1710 stay'd there till February then brought bales to Madrass and return'd back don't hear she has been employ'd since.

42. The Rising Sun Smack is at Vizagapatam ready to bring bales from thence for the Hallifax for what is past submitt to the Companys judgment for the future shall take care they sail as cheap as possible and be employ'd most for the Companys Interest shall send their accounts yearly to see what they get or loose valuing them in the books as they are worth and debit and credit them as fitted and employ'd.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

43. Hope to sell the woollen Manufactures as last at about 55 per cent on Invoice if the troubles and Warrs in the Countrey can be accommodated.

44. Shortness of time and hurry of business causes the List of Europe Goods demanded to be imperfect hope by the Hallifax to do it better the Merchants take them as invoiced and unopen'd from the Companys Godowns to their own, while the Companys carefull method of providing the goods in England continues can slways keep up the same method their lists always drawn out by the Merchants consent who have no notion of the difference of Lists nor nicety in Manufacturing so as they be of the usuall fineness and Colours the President will when has time enquire more particularly about this.

45. Shall send the answer to the 38th Paragraph apart with the patterns enclosed-need not send the Lists which cost dearest.

46. Having Cash enough have no occasion to part with any of their woollen Manufacture can't at present tell how guilt Leather and other things will sell their custom is to sell all Europe goods by contract reserving only for Presents and the Garrisons use this encourages the giving a good price if sold by retail could not vend half the quantity nor keep up the price.

47. The Merchants having 200 Bales of last years cloth unopen'd this now come must ly by at present.

48. The Iron will turn to good account the low price of the Lead makes them desire so small a quantity have 537 Candy in warehouse can't dispose of what is in Bengall the Pegu Lead depretiating it which sells from 4½ to 5 Pagodas a Candy they will not sell the English under 6½ without the Companys order.

49. The Swans design'd for the Nabob dyed in the bad wheather no dogs were put on board nor Cases of Cordialls hear they were to come on the Jane.

50. Have paid the Summs ordered in the Companys Letter.

51. Have received no wine fruit &c^{a}. or Horses from Persia for want of those supplys are forced to buy what can get at Madrass wherein shall be good husbands but it would have been cheaper to have been sent from England.

52. Desire 6 tons of Beer for the use of the Coast the cask full hoop'd the beer well hop't and stow'd in the Ballast to prevent broaching this will save 200

Pagodas a year. If wine is sent desire it may be good rough Florence White Mountain and Lisbon and some Canary for the sick propose this to save expenses which the President finds considerably encreased which they will lessen as soon as possible.

53. Storekeepers account of demands sent is drawn up carefully and will always turn to account.

54. The Cutlary Haberdashery ware &c^{a}. sold at outcry its account enclosed the things of Iron and Steel perishable in that air refer to that account for what worth sending.

55. Account of coynage of the Averillas Gold sent it comes out better than standard but the Crusado's worse.

56. The silver alter and Angells per Frederick Invoiced Standard proved twelve penny weight and a half worse as per Essay Masters report 4th July 1711 enter'd in Consultation.

57. Have coyn'd what Rupees they could to send to the Bay-understanding the Batty was 12 per cent in May and sent the rest down in Bullion rather than detain the ships-Calculate of the differencc between Rupees Madrass and the Bay sent for the Company to judge of whether for the small advantage made in the Bay should ruine the Madrass Mint which brings in 10,000 Pagodas a year profit if the Company desert the Mint others will. The Mint more flourishing than that at Golcondah ever was. Those in the Bay desire silver uncoyn'd for the benefit of their countrey Voyages shall take care of the Mints credit till further orders.

58. Have sent to the Bay account of what Broadcloth is now at Madrass and to know whether any will sell there.

59. Many remnants of cloth stuffs &c^{a}. have been found in the Warehouse unsold and perishing will sell them all by outcry and for the future make it a rule to clear the Godowns yearly before a new Cargo comes.

60. Have no saddles left desire two rich saddles and Bridles to make a figure on particular occasions.

61. Have offered the St. Davids Merchants Part of the Broadcloth if will give advantage in the prices of their Goods if not would not disoblige the Madrass Merchants who say can't give the prices unless have all.

62. Desire no Goods but all Silver which sets the trade of Madrass going, for want of silver many good designs lost and ships ly idle silver renders better account than gold.

63. Shall add no more on this head intending to do it by the Hallifax

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS HERE IN GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

64. The Contract made in September 1710 was for lading the Bouverie the next was the 19th June for the Hallifax-the President has not attempted to make any further agreement till the former is compleated—Shall by the Hallifax give an account of what they shall do for the Sherborn or Averilla which hope will be to satisfaction.

65. On Inquiry find Mr. Frasers partiallity to the Right hand Cast hinder'd his making any contract for severall Months when had Money which disobliged Colloway and Vincattee Chitty and the others could not undertake without them till were at last forced to an Agreement for 800 Bales by the 10th October.

66. The Merchants say their accounts have not been setled with the Warehouse keeper since August 1706 and therefore they would not meddle very strange this should be in Governour Pitts time but it is certain by this letting matters run behind hand there is great confusion in the Accompts and 6 Chests Treasure delivered the 19th August 1706 to Colloway Chittee have not been accounted for as can yet be found.

67. Have sent 10,000 Pagodas to Vizagapatam Mr. Hastings promising to make large Investments.

68. A great sickness in the Cloth Countrey round about them has destroy'd $\frac{9}{10}$ of the weavers so that thô Cotton is cheap Cloth is dear wherefore shall invest all they can at St. Davids and Vizagapatam rather than raise the price at Madrass.

69. Have sent to St. Davids the Companys Paragraph relating to them with remarks and Instructions for their future conduct and ordered them to send a speedy answer.

70. Sorry the Company complain of the Kent and Sommers Goods will endeavour to sort and pack so exactly as to prevent the Buyers complaint.

71. Will take all possible care in the package of goods that if ought is amiss it may be known whom to blame.

72. Hope so to reform the Warehouse business as may prevent aboundance of mistakes the manner of keeping those accompts has occasion'd most of the confusion there.

73. Have publisht the Companys 65th Paragraph of their restraining the Companys servants and captains trade and paying in money into Cash at 2*s.* 9*d.* a rupee which they pray may be setled in Pagodas and at what rate Rupees are not the currant Coyn of Madrass and rise and fall 6 per cent the Currant Rupee of Bengall is 10 per cent less in value than that of Madrass which gives those in the Bay the advantage if buy them at Madrass and pay them in the Bay it will make the Pagodas nearest to ten shillings in England the midling price being 335 Rupees for 100 Pagodas and ten per cent Batty to Bengall.

74. In answer to the Companys 49th Paragraph Say Mr. Hastings advises that he employ'd the Rising Sun Smack to give advices of the French to the Kent and Summers bound up from the Bay by Governour Pitts order when he heard from Madrass they had past Vizagapatam out of sight of the Place he then sent her up with the Bales but she came a few days two late for the Summers have no great occasion since to complain of Mr. Hastings.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

75. By the Bouveries intended letter it is advised Isuph Caun consented to the removing the Present from Metchlepatam the Kings Gusbardar who cost 150 rupees a month maintenance got rid of have added a fine clock set with rubies cost 300 Pagodas and the rich silks lately received that present in part of the 6 Elephants intended and which were sold for 7800 Pagodas the Cordialls shipt on the Jane would have been a gratefull article the Ship President left Madrass 12th June arrived Metchlepatam the 17th to take off the Present were forced to carry it off by power as per Mr. Nodens letter N°. 87 the 24th June she sail'd for Bengall to deliver the Present to the President and Councill there.

76. The affair of the present being out of their hands must depend on those in the Bay for renewing old priviledges and procuring new it was absolutely necessary it should go through Zoodee Cauns hands to Assa Mooden who has the Government of Bengall.

77. Letters from the Councill at Suratt dated the 4th September 1710 advise they intend to apply for Phirmaunds for all the Companys settlements this will cost great presents to effect.

78. It seems as if the Generall at Bombay knew nothing of their application such a sort of mannagement will be very expensive if carry'd on by two sorts of people and may be rendered ineffectuall-the late President and Councills smart Letter to them enter'd N°. 107 it is hoped will stop their proceedings they have return'd no answer to it.

9. Refer to President Fraser and Councills Letter how the villages given by Doud Caun came to be given up again will at the hazard of their lives endeavour to preserve what the Company have left and endeavour to get what more they can in time whatever is granted by the Company shall be taken in the Companys name Governour Harrison promises his best endeavour to get and keep a good understanding with the Moors Governours near them and if must give presents shall do it frugally and get what they can in return.

80. He will do all he can to be loved and fear'd by those under the Companys protection and hopes the Successe will answer expectation.

81. The Duan Saddatulla Caun who since Doud Cauns departure is Governour of those parts is now at war with the King of Miscore ten days journey off to the westward of Madrass the Governour has wrote him a Letter and will keep a usefull Correspondence with him will endeavour to regain the 5 villages.

82. Since the account given of sending a Countrey ship to relieve Vizagapatam shall now add what has since happen'd refer to the Company the reason given for employing the Recovery when two ships were there on Demorage and the Captains excuses on the 6th April for not going down to countenance Vizagapatam on which Rice Stores and Pagodas 5000 were sent down on the Raworth bound to the Bay and no Europe ships sent to assist them.

83. Letter from Fukerla Caun was received 2d April and enter'd after the Consultation insisting on the reasons of his demand having the Companys seal &c^{a}. whereto refer.

84. The 5th April were advised Vizagapatam was still closely besieged That Fukerla demanded 6500 Pagodas his debt and the Interest and profit thereon by trade and an allowance for his great charge the Mulla and Dubash attending Fukerla saw the Companys Seal to his Bond at the same time Nabob Habib Caun offer'd his mediation as per letter enter'd the 5th April President Fraser return'd a courteous answer asented N°. 139 The 23th May received account of the sad Streights Vizagapatam was reduced to for want of Stores and Provisions and Ensign Dixon kill'd as per Letter enter'd N°. 67 on which the St. George was designed thither but same day had account all was accommodated on paying Rupees 20732 : 5. the Particulars are in the Letter enter'd N°. 70.

85. Habib Cauns offer hasten'd the accommodation with Fukerla he has seized Fukerla and keeps him in prison will certainly squeeze him.

86. Paragraph 50 per Frederick advised about the troubles at St. Davids since then have had continuall war with Syrup Sing Governour of Chingee and some Engagements in open field have always had the advantage thô the Enemys army was usually 1000 horse and 1000 foot refer to Consultations for what was don towards an accommodation before hostility began-attempting Reprizalls upon them drew on a tedious expensive war. On President Harrisons arrivall they sent down the 5 Europe ships with Deputy Governour Raworth Souldiers Ammunition &c^{a}. yet have employed persons to procure peace.

87. Syrup Sing is a Considerable Prince and a Rashpoot this Moguls mother was of that family it is likely he has complained to the Mogull can't find President Fraser endeavourd to waylay such complaints refer to a Letter from Arcot sent in the Packett advising the Duan is ordered to enquire into this Dispute hope to counter work the intended mischief.

88. Have ordered the Deputy Governour and Councill of Fort St. Davids to enquire strictly into the originall causes of this trouble which hope to send speedily fear he who ought to make reparation for these dammages is escaped.

89. The Mogull Shaallem is a weak prince Caun Caunawn dying lately Zulphaker Caun is now prime Vizier Mozadeen the Mogulls eldest sonne and he are in an Interest. The Mogulls four Sonnes are near the Court watching opportunity to Struggle for the Empire-Hazamoodeen the second sonne Prince

of Bengall is most likely to succeed his capacity and Treasure being greatest Zoodee Caun is his Creature and may be serviceable to the English–fear Zulphacar Caun is angry for applying to Zoodee Caun as appear'd when President Fraser wrote him last year about the 5 towns, President Harrison intends to write him to let him know he depends on Zulphacar for his sole Protector.

90. Hear a new Nabob is coming down and Doud Caun made Suba of Gulconda.

91. The 24th instant the President had an answer to his Letter to the Duan with Vest and Surpaw.

FIFTHLY FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

92. Generall Letter by the Frederick Paragraph 46 advises the Redoubt at Egmore had cost Pagodas 925: 7. and what it would be good for.

93. This Guard House is 84 foot in front and 53 deep has a large hall and 4 lodging rooms the hall 38 foot long 20 deep and 17 high with 2 large gallerys on Pillars on President Harrisons arrivall it had cost Pagodas 5061: 11: 60, and by computation will cost 1500 Pagodas more to finish and furnish it with common necessarys and is only a good mansion house cooped up in a useless defenceless wall not fit to mount a Gun on.

94. The Councill say they only consented to build a Guard House and Mr. Fraser ordered all the rest the 49th Paragraph of the Fredericks letter mentions how this building disgusted the Countrey hear an order is come from the King to the Duan to demolish it and forbid the like for the future as per Letter N°. 20 had it been a guard house could not have been maintain'd being a mile and half from their works.

95. Governour Harrison has not had time to survey the Fortifications. The Gunner is dangerously ill Mr. Hugonin design'd to succeed is at St. Davids and must stay till the war is ended. St. Thomas's Point must be rebuilt other places want great repairs have order'd St. Davids and Cuddalore to be survey'd by a good Engineer at Pondicherry whom shall send for up to Madrass.

96. The Hospitall and free Guardhouse ready to fall better should be rebuilt than repaired.

97. The Godowns in a very bad condition for want of repairs the white Ants having eaten up the horses which the goods lay on and some of the goods have ordered new ones to be made of Teak Shall proceed further after the rains. The Colledge where the Factors lodg'd is falling to the ground for want of repair none dare ly in it the Companys servants double to what formerly and all single are forced to get them lodgings where they can being thus Separated can't be taken care of as if under the Superiours eye, when St. Thomas's Point is don shall go about the Hospitall and Colledge will build strong plain usefull and with frugallity, wonders Mr. Fraser should lay out so much at Egmore when he knew of these absolutely necessary works and recommended them to President Harrison on his first arrivall.

98. The foundation of the Mount house is laid and a stop put to it by the Havildar at St. Thoma will endeavour to secure what already don from the weather till have don other things more materiall or till further orders.

99. Severall of the largest Guns to the Sea being unserviceable have wrote for new ones.

100. Those who have boasted of the large Articles of the Revenue-have to swell it let all the buildings run to ruine which had they been kept in repair might have lasted many years and saved much money in the main which will now prove a heavy charge thô will be frugall.

101. The Books not being ballanced can't write so well about the Revenues but shall by the Hallifax Shall observe orders relateing to their augmentation and raising new ones without oppression or offending the Government.

102. Mr. Fraser thô he wrote the Revenues amounted to Pagodas 105000 could not satisfy the Councill that it was right suppose he meant the ballance of the account of Profit and loss the Revenues for 10 years past were never more than Pagodas 79382 : 34 : 2.

103. Refer to Consultations of the 9th and 13th about Mr. Frasers consenting to the landing Elephants at Trivlecan, paying only the St. Thoma duty against the Councills opinion his reasons were the duty would otherwise have been lost refer to Consultations for what they have don on that affair till receive the Companys orders shall not permitt his departure without security to pay the money on demand.

104. The Moguls Embassador to Pegu brought thence this year 12 Elephants which they let go Custom free.

105. The measuring of corn formerly let at 200 Pagodas a year the 2^{d}. April last was let at Pagodas 820 and is no way grievous to the people.

106. The old Tobacco and Beetle Farmers are in prison utterly insolvent desire the Companys orders whether shall keep them for life. The New pay duly and are in Credit.

107. Shall after the ships dispatch apply to a thorough Reformation of abuses in severall branches of the Revenues which hope will be establisht to satisfaction.

108. The St. Davids war has made grain so dear most of the poor Inhabitants have left the bounds-what care has been taken to supply them ordered the Custom on it to be abated if necessary to encourage its importation.

109. Have grain in plenty and cheap shall lay in stores when proper.

110. The Stewards expences enlarged much occasion'd by the unusuall N^{o}. of servants sent out refer to the List to see how many those mark'd G eat at the Companys table the rest have dyet money have order'd three of the Councill to examine his Accompts and report have too many eaters and too few fitt for business.

111. Mr. Fraser soon after he was President took away Colloway and Vincattee Chittees Cowl for renting the Companys 3 villages for 10 years without any consent of Councill and the villages immediately put into Cannapa Chittys hands one of the right hand cast his reasons enter'd in the Consultation of the 23th August that was don to blacken the left hand cast the accusations against Colloway and Vincattee being never prov'd whereupon have restored their Cowl and made the Merchants sensible the Company allow'd no such Practice which have tended to the divisions of the Casts and hinder'd your Investments will keep the ballance even between all the Inhabitants to preserve peace.

Sixthly Touching Factors Writers Officers & Souldiers and their Accounts.

112. Many of the young men are useless will emprove such as are willing to learn hope the Company will forbear sending more and when do send any let them be better qualify'd.

113. Have but 4 Factors Mr. Woodward and Whitchcote 2 of them not so serviceable as some of the writers who give great hopes among whom Josia Cooke John Mason Alexander Bennett Nathaniel Turner Abel Langelier John Perry and John Emerson shall countenance the deserving and send home the irreclaimable.

114. Thomas Thompson who came a souldier on the Dartmouth being an able accomptant is taken into the Accomptants Office and to instruct the Writers in accompts.

115. The 7th January last William Harris writer was sent down to Vizagapatam Mr. Horden is to come from thence by leave of the Council.

116. Thomas Gray and George Wahup writers went with Mr. Raworth to St. David Nathaniel Turner came thence to Fort St. George.

117. Robert Berriman was on the 28th May entertain'd Factor for Bencoolen when the Jane arrives shall send him if wanted.

118. Mr. John Rudge Merchant dy'd the 9th June last intestate his account current in the Packett Mr. Holcombes Widow dy'd the 1st June Mr. Lewes who had the charge of her affairs is ordered to deliver in List of all debts due to her late Husband at Vizagapatam but little hopes of recovering anything and pay her effects into Cash.

119. Mr. Weld succeeds Mr. Bulteel of Councill at Fort St. Davids and Henry Cotterell made youngest.

120. Mr. William Warre acted as Secretary to the 28th June when Joseph Smart was admitted in his place Mr. Thomas Cooke made Receiver at the Sea Gate well qualify'd for any business.

121. Mr. Richard Hunt desiring not to go to St. Davids was admitted to Councill on the death of Mr. Fleetwood.

122. Mr. Jones Chaplain has paid 20£ part of the 50£ advanced him will pay the residue in September.

123. Mr. Chadsley Surgeon dy'd the 30th May Mr. Anthony Supply put in his stead the unhealthy Season makes them want 2 surgeons the hospitall for 12 months past has had always 40 or 50 Persons in it wants 3 or 4 Surgeons Mates initiated in Anatomy and Physick and sent to supply other Factorys the Surgeon at Fort St. Davids is a freeman of Pondicherry and acts at present but will not be obliged to stay a good man may be sure of that post.

124. Mr. Chadsley arriv'd the 11th July dy'd the 30th May what due to him remains in cash he ows moneys and nothing left to pay them.

125. The Councill of Fort St. Davids complain'd of heard by Private Letters of battles burning and plundering villages but no letter from them till they threaten'd them into complyance they sent the Companys own Peons with Private Letters but none to the President and Councill Mr. Farmer Deputy Governour complained of for his want of Courage and leaving all affairs to Captain Roach who behav'd himself gallantly has shown no more spirit in the rest of the Companys affairs.

126. This made them send Mr. Raworth with directions to visit the Bounds See them secure and encourage the Inhabitants not to desert.

127. The souldiers but indifferent men 169 sent to St. Davids 66 to Vizagapatam have still on the Muster 314 of which 40 in the Hospitalls Boys 38 and 82 Topasses the remainder very indifferent fellows.

128. Desire what souldiers are sent may be sound good men now Boys mount the Guard which the Moors Governours &c^{a}. seing have but a mean opinion of the English strength.

129. The Officers who raised them own they got them from the Goals and Hospitalls whereby one third dy in the voyage and infect the ship half which do arrive are put into the Hospitall and many never come out.

130. Proposed to let the Captains have their Cloths and Brandy to supply them as they want at Sea and their advance allowance laid out at best hand in proper Cloths and not snipt as has been usuall the 30 souldiers on the Dartmouth before they were out of the Channell had not 6 whole shirts among them nor Cloths to cover them, the President having a Bale of shirts and slops was a great means of preserving them when so many lost on board the other ships.

131. Desire the Company will prevent captains making the souldiers the drudges of the ships-may make them watch and work.

132. Desire 2 able Sargeants may be sent out as Ensigns have no Sargeant there fitt what now received learnt to exercise since they came ashore.

133. Shall want recruits if the St. Davids war continues.

134. Desire the Company will observe what wrote by the Frederick about lessening the Officers pay now have more need for them.

135. Captain Seaton at his desire went down to the Bay to settle his affairs from whence promis'd to proceed for England for which has given Pagodas 2,000 security.

136. Captain James Davis at his desire discharg'd the 2^{d} August have much better men than hee.

137. In the Packet are the Surgeons receipts for the moneys paid them for the souldiers.

138. Ensign Dutton dying at St. Davids last April Mr. Benjamin Hobs succeeds him.

139. Ensign Dixon being kill'd at Vizagapatam his widow is allow'd 5 Pagodas a month while such.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

140. Mr. Jer: Harrison making such hast from Bencoolen where he went to Supervise left business half don the Consultations unfinisht Account remains on that Coast imperfect the Setling Tryamong left to Captain Phrip.

141. Mr. Harrisons pretence was shortness of time that hinder'd his looking back but if the Captains Journall be examined may see where the ship stay'd to dispose of their private trade for might have been there sooner nor dos he give any reason for hurrying away on the Sherborne.

142. Mr. Harrisons papers give no clear information of what he has don has given no dyary of his proceedings all the charge against Mr. Skingle is an Account Currant which is in the Packett and makes him Debtor dollars 9,140 but no particulars or West Coast books to make it out so can't proceed further against him.

143. He has little to say for his folly and infidelity and as little left to make restitution here.

144. Have heard nothing from the West Coast since the Frederick the Jane not arriv'd and the 119 Paragraph of the Companys Generall Letter directing not to make any Reformation till they hear she is miscarry'd must wait with patience till then or She arrives.

145. The Gulcondah arriv'd from Batavia was at Bencoolen in April last the Mead frigot was dispatcht in time for a Summer ship but she did not get from Batavia and thrô the Straits of Sunda till June shall endeavour to break this Custom.

146. Wonder had no letters from Bencoolen should think the Factory wanted nothing shall supply them with a vessell to fetch them necessarys from Batavia as Arrack &c^{a}. to prevent sending Europe ships thither which Vessells may fetch the pepper from the subordinate Factorys Pepper may be got enough if have but money and if Bencoolen be in honest hands they should never want money Demorage will be thereby saved.

147. Hope by the next ships to send account of the Janes arrivall and dispatch with full instructions for Bencoolen.

EIGHTLY TOUCHING YOUR ACCOMPTS.

148. On President Harrisons arrivall the books were so backward can't be ballanced now hope to send them by the Hallifax.

149. No Journall Parcells were ever read in Consultation while Mr. Mountague was Second and since when read are full of errors and so negligently don must revise the books before can be ballanced shall take better care in future.

150. The answer to the Accomptants letter of the 9th January 1709 enclosed what deficient about Vizagapatam now supply'd.

151. Have paid the Bill to John George Hugh.

152. Shall by the Hallifax send the answer to the Paragraph about goods wanting in the Heathcote.

153. Three hundred ounces of silver receiv'd per Aurungzebe more than Invoice.

154. Shall mark every bale of cloth at one corner with the 2 letters of the sorters name to show who it is.

155. The New Companys Metchlepatam debt remains as it did by President Frasers not concealing the Companys orders the Merchants insist on all. and will not compound they renew'd their demands on Governour Harrison and are much exasperated but he has no Instructions what to do they say must apply to the Moors Government.

Ninthly of Dutch Freench & Danes.

156. The Dutch Japan ships being attack'd last December in Mallacca Road they have 6 good ships on the Coast of which 4 in a body at Negapatam proceeding along Coast to take in the Goods ready at each factory to Metchlepatam will sail thence to Batavia the 20th September their Japan ships will now sail not by Mallacca but thrô the Straits of Sunda their Bay ships keep all in a body.

157. Hope if the war continues the Company will take the same measures.

158. Dutch Investments have not been so considerable this year as usuall occasion'd by want of manufacturers and troubles in the countrey.

159. Have no news of the 2 French ships which were ready to saile from St. Malloes wish they be not gon to the Bay where they will do irreparable mischief.

160. No Danes ship excepted this season they will dispatch one home from Trincombar in October.

Tenthly of the Separate Stock Ships.

161. John & Elizabeth and Mermaid are all now in India have been solely employ'd in the Persia trade on freight those in the Bay by letting a ship of the Companys might have stopt that Trade it is pity the Company don't let one yearly John & Elizabeth it is said will go for Europe this Season both daily expected from Persia shall have no encouragement at Madrass beyond the law.

162. Twelve hundred and two Bags and a half of Petre on the Bouverie and Four hundred sixty five and a half on the Hallifax more than Charter-party at the Captains requests enclosed.

163. Mr. Edward Fleetwood dy'd the 10th February 1710 lamented.

164. Because the Bouverie and Tankerville will reach the Dutch at the Cape have put on board no stores for St. Helena shall send 10 bales long Cloth per Successe.

165. Messrs. Bulkley and Benyon have the care of Captain Staceys effects shall send the account when setled.

166. Have ordered an investment at St. Davids hope will make a tollerable contract notwithstanding their troubles.

167. Are contracting at Madrass for the Metchlepatam goods order'd which will cost dearer than if bought up there yet dare not send down money-those Merchants to whom the New Company are indebted are properest to deal with.

168. No Sallampores under 60 Pagodas a Corge proper for painting 2 Pieces deliver'd out for a Muster 600 Pieces order'd to be provided.

169. Two thousand of the Enemys horse and foot attack'd 90 English in 3 divisions at St. Davids commanded by Captain Roach Captain Coventry and Ensign Somerville the Ensign presently run and all his men but the Sargeant followed Captain Coventry soon after kill'd Captain Roach with 40 men kept the field till succors came from the Deputy Governour in this action lost 17 men of which 8 Europeans beside the Officers-all but Captain Coventry kill'd running away have order'd them not to expose their men in small partys.

170. When the Enemy attack'd them they sent in Letters and people to treat for an accommodation.

171. Such was the want of circumspection of the Deputy Governour and then Councill at St. Davids that they at once wanted rice and paddy-making no provision nor desiring no supply from Madrass-when 20 wounded men were brought in had no Surgeons Instruments to dress them.

172. One of the Danish Missionarys takes passage on the Tankerville but deny'd another at the desire of the Governour of Trincombar the Danish Mission is an imposition on the Credulous the Collections for them not employ'd as the givers design so hope they will be stopt in England.

173. Having advice 6 French ships cruiz'd of Point Palmeras they detain'd the Companys ships some days but finding the report false shall send them immediately for the Bay.

174. The 30th August Mr. Thomas Lovell design'd home resign'd in Councill his share in the trust of Mrs. Nickes estate the other 2 trustees Messrs Warre and Lewes appearing they sign'd all 3 the Account Currant to that time adjusted.

175. Messrs. Johnson and Collinson Supra Cargos of the Concord appeared in Consultation the 30th August and made oath 1,000 rupees was lent Captain Arlond for the ships use in the Bay Captain Arlond having carry'd the Bonds with him to England.

176. They intreat in behalf of all the Inhabitants that no ships may be sent to Madrass by way of China because it will ruine the Place and is little advantage to the Company.

177. The fear of the Arabs has lost the trade to Mocha that to Suratt too hazardous whilst Colla Jangana cruizes on the coast.

178. The French being yearly on the Coast their ships in the Bay dare not stir out and so loose their freights a Congo Arab got it last year.

179. Linnen sent from France to Mexico has spoil'd the Manilla trade and the silk is sent from Canton thither.

180. The China trade is the life of the town and employs near half its stock the Mint and Revenues will suffer if that fails.

181. They beg pardon for their freedom in a matter so nearly concerning them and shall acquiesce in the Companys determination.

182. The St. George having been longer in the Bay than the Dartmouth have changed her to go the freight voyage and wrote to the Bay to hasten home the St. George.

183. The Concord got to the Cape one day too late for the Dutch.

184. The Cutlary ware falsely invoiced when came to deliver it after the outcry found horn handles instead of tortois and bone instead of Ivory.

185. Gunner Atkinson dy'd the 28th August an able experienced officer. Gunner Hugonin now at St. Davids design'd to succeed he has shown distinguishing bravery there.

186. Mr. Samuell Manning long since went for Europe shall observe the orders about tea by the Howland. Can't now send copy of the Charter shall endeavour to recover the money of the Boatmen-and by the Hallifax write about Corall.

187. The 3d September arriv'd the John and Elizabeth from Persia the London arriv'd there 29th June.

188. They will by the next supply the omissions in this Letter occasion'd by hurry.

EDW^{D}. BULKLEY. E. HARRISON.
WM. JENNINGS. THO: FREDERICK.
BERNARD BENYON. HEN: DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM WARRE. W. MARTIN.
RICHARD HUNT.

GOVERNOUR HARRISONS LETTER DATED 3^{D}. SEPT^{R}. & 13TH OCT^{R}. 1711. REC^{D}. PER BOUVERIE FROM HOLLAND 9TH AUGUST 1712 AND PER HALIFAX DITTO DIE.

Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. I, p. 302.

1. He wrote last from the Cape by the Frederick and Fleet. Sail'd thence the 12th May with 3 large Dutch ships to 33^{d}. Latitude the 21th May the London left them to go within Madagascar the 1st July made Ceylon the 6th send boat ashore in Trincomalay Bay for news heard 4 French ships were gon half empty to Europe Suratt Letters say 6 French ships expected this Season at Ponticherry 7th anchored at Negapatam The 10th came to anchor in Madrass Road all the men well.

2. Refer to Consultations for what don at and since his arrivall shall advise of things recommended to him by his Instructions.

FIRST AS TO SHIPPING.

3. He found the Bouverie and Hallifax unrigg'd in the road their kintlage on board the Sherborn at anchor in St. Davids Road he forthwith ordered up for fear of the French if any should arrive.

4. The Bouverie might have been dispatcht by the midle of February the Bay complained of for keeping her so long there when the Tankerville.

5. Sail'd thence the 20th November. Two French ships of 40 and 26 Guns cruized of Ballasore all 4 had but 1200 Bales aboard when sail'd for Europe.

6. The want of the Jane a great disappointment. Mr. Skingle is at Madrass but can't examine him to purpose for want of accusers.

7. Have no news of the Derby-the Averilla ordered to come to Madrass by the 1st December before the French return from Mergen shall send her to St. Davids refer to the Generall Letter for the rest.

OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

8. Colloway and Vincattee Chittee keep up the price of the Manufacture not half the vent for it as last year the Camps being at a great distance all Goods are cheaper they selling best when the Camp near.

9. St. Davids Merchants not men of substance Mr. Roberts has extorted from them a great deal dare not divide the Broadcloth to them.

10. Are trying to get them a third of it that may find out the true profit of it and find out what quantity will sell.

11. Desire Silver and no Gold the want of it damps their trade which has decay'd ever since Mr. Pitt left the Place no good mannagement therein nor profit thereby the Bay Factors by paying no Custom and disposing of all freights from thence to Suratt and Persia get profit must pay them ten per cent commission for freight on the ships they send down will rather lade on a Dane or Arab by which the Broker gets the freight and the President the commission.

12. Shall send a perfect list of Europe Goods by the Hallifax being bent on promoting its vend.

INVESTMENTS FOR EUROPE.

13. Have near compleated a Contract at St. Davids by Mr. Raworths diligence Mr. Farmer could do nothing in it was of a mean spirit all the People would have deserted the Bounds had not Mr. Raworth arriv'd.

14. Have received a good letter from Mr. Raworth and Councill in answer to what wrote them which comes in the Packett and is wrote with honour and honesty Mr. Roberts ought to have been stopt to make satisfaction for the Chingee warr.

15. Mr. Roberts at the Cape made him his attorney to send home his effects but finding he had embroyl'd affairs would not act have in Councill attach'd his effects in his attorneys Raworth's hands till have the Companys orders to discharge them and hopes for the Companys protection therein if Mr. Roberts is not punish'd none will be deterr'd from such ill practices.

16. The Merchants behindhand on account of Mr. Addisons and Mr. Frasers investment not prudent to contract with them at present till find encouragement.

TRADE OF INDIA & COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

17. Refer to the Generall Letter on this Account will do all he can to appease the troubles encourage trade and peace with the Countrey Governours and make all easy and then hopes for the Companys favour.

18. Fear it was wrong to send the Moguls present to the Bay have wrote to Zulphacar Caun to palliate the matter.

19. Fear must make use of the Duan to end the war at St. Davids Mr. Roberts made himself lyable for the Renters and they escaping Syrup Sing claim'd them or their debt and yet the late President and Councill let him go off the shore and ordered to get reparation for seizing the two Officers on which the English burnt and plunderd their villages and kill'd a great Braminy in cold blood had he from Negapatam had an Account of the war would have touch'd there and might have put an end to it refer to Consultations and Letters for what don since Syrrup Sing so treacherous can't depend on any adjustment with him.

FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

20. Refer to the Generall Letter for these Egmore building is of no use and contrary to what agreed in Consultation has cost a great deal of money which might have been well laid out in repairs about the works at Madrass which are ready to fall desire the Companys orders about it.

21. Can't yet make a thorough survey will always regard the Revenues they are well paid shall endeavour to find new ones.

FACTORS, WRITERS, SOLDIERS &c^{a}.

22. Hope Farmers succession to St. Davids will be altered is fitt to follow not to lead has no spirit and thereby discouraged everybody. Mr. Hatsell formerly had like to have lost Coddalore but Mr. Haines's resolution preserv'd it.

23. Hast of the ships dispatcht makes him leave off begs pardon for his first letter forced to look back into former orders and the Secretary is unskillfull but have no better shall make good omissions by the Hallifax.

1. Since the foregoing by the Bouverie all time spent to get a lading for the Hallifax want of 200 Bales from St. Davids formerly contracted for occasion'd it.

2. The list of Manufactures wrote for drawn with the best advice doubt not to sell the quantity yearly but it may be not at 55 per cent on Invoice.

3. Cutlary ware Hatts &c^{a}. not proper to send were forced to sell the Woollen Goods to the St. Davids Merchants to be deliver'd at Madrass as they bring in goods the Madrass Merchants would have beat down the price shall now find the profit made on it.

4. Cotton so dear was forced to send it to Vizagapatam to carry on the Investment there which they paid 24 Pagodas for a Candy the price being usually but 14 to 16 it is now at Madrass 19 to 20 Pagodas therefore don't attempt a new Investment here but strive to get in the remains of former Contracts.

5. The Practice at Madrass has been not to observe how Contracts have been comply'd so that the Merchants deliver in but few course goods because little gott thereby new Contracts have been made when great part of the old have not been brought in.

6. Have therefore settled a new Method at each Factory that may at one view see what is wanting of each specie to compleat every contract easy to guess why it was not always so.

7. Is labouring to end the troubles at St. Davids the St. Davids letter tells the author had he been at Madrass should have detain'd him till had settled all. 4000 Pagodas of his left behind which shall keep attach'd till further orders some gon home with him were sharers in his foul perquisites. Before he left St. Davids he made those he fleec'd sign a Paper to the contrary, abhorrence of his principles makes this be written.

8. Syrroop Sings demands so unreasonable can't offer anything-the English began the war-Mr. Fraser prevail'd on by Mr. Roberts-can't find any orders for the war but reinforcements sent down to repell the Enemys assaults in June Mr. Farmer without leave from Madrass burns and pillages the countrey and corn to the amount of 20,000 Pagodas this exasperated the Enemy beyond reconciliation a Braminy of great veneration was kill'd in cold blood Would willingly compose all thô with sword in hand best to treat.

9. Have carry'd it fair with the French that they may not assist the Enemy.

10. The Dutch will make their present first to the Mogull which should not have been suffer'd.

11. Sorry he is necessitated to build shall do it frugally and make it last.

12. Shall next month consider the Revenues rectify what amiss and endeavour to raise more.

13. Want rain so grain rises found no store when he arrived.

14. Can't send the books the former being erroneous must be rectify'd-in these the Councils frequent shifting has caused much confusion in the books and Warehouse, necessary every Person should keep his old Employ, till the ballancing that years books and account remains settled.

15. Proposes the 3d of Councill should be export warehousekeeper the 4th import as in Bengall this will make the business be better don the 5th in Councill to be Customer 6th Paymaster 7th Land Customer 8th Renter Generall So each of the Councill will have work.

16. Pray the Metchlepatam Merchants may be made easy lest it bring the countrey upon them they have the New Companys Seal for the money.

17. Wonders Mr. Pitt should write he could make it up for Pagodas 25,000 when he would have offer'd 50,000. Can't meddle without positive orders desires 600 Bales Cloth extaordinary good part fine on this occasion could be glad this was well ended to prevent trouble can't borrow 1000 Pagodas of the Merchants if wanted to fill up a ship.

18. Shall not write singly again except what not fitt for a Generall Letter.

E. HARRISON.

FORT ST. GEORGE GENERALL DATED 1ST, 13TH & 17TH OCTOBER 1711. RECD. PER SUCCESSE 25TH MAY 1712 AND PER HALLIFAX 6TH SEPTEMBER 1712.

1. Their last was by the Bouverie dispatch'd the 4th September with Copy thereof by the Tankerville Duplicates thereof and of their Invoices sent in the Packetts apart. The 5th instant sent a short letter by way of Trincombar advising what ships might be expected with lists of what wanted &cª. hoping they might pass thrô the Channell and bring in the advices in May. Coast & Bay Abstracts vol. 1, p. 307.

2. This comes by the Hallifax and Successe with Copys of former Letters and other papers shall now advise what has happen'd since and supply former omissions.

FIRST CONCERNING YOUR SHIPPING OUT AND HOME.

3. The 5th September sent to the Bay the Dartmouth Aurengzebe Averilla and Sherborne with rupees 784000 and the stores for the Bay from England all their Invoices being Pagodas 255400 : 26 fanams refer to the Bouveries letter why they kept them so long on the Coast.

4. The Hallifax on the Captains request enclosed had 300 Bags of Petre more The 7th September she was survey'd and found in good condition refer to the Captains answer enter'd in Consultation about the Goods from Bengall dammaged and his bringing less than his Tonnage suppose those in the Bay have given the Company a full account of the whole. Account of the stated dammage of the Petre and the Tonnage he brought were sent by the Frederick.

5. The 13th September hired the Essex for Pagodas 200 to carry provisions to Stª. Davids and to bring back bales for the Hallifax.

6. The 13th September arriv'd the Mermaid a Separate Stock ship from Bussorah and Gombroon. The London was lading the 6th August on freight for Suratt Agent Lock desires to return for Europe overland.

7. Fearing the Jane will not arrive in time to be sent to Bencoolen and that by Mr. Harrisons account there is no Petre or redwood there which will be wanted for the Thistleworth and Toddington have sent 400 Bags Petre and 30 Candy of redwood by the Elizabeth bound to Batavia as per Consultation of the 17th September when the President arrives from the Bay shall send more and have wrote to the Bay to send some on freight by ships bound to Batavia have heard nothing from Bencoolen since the 13th September 1710 but understand by Mr. Skingle and others last come from thence had no more in the Godowns than would serve for the Mead.

8. Will for the future take such care of the West Coast as not to need such extraordinary methods to supply it.

9. By reason of the wars at St. Davids have hired a sloop at Thirty Pagodas a month to carry Letters and always lade her with grain and stores and keep her employ'd.

10. Refer to Consultation for account of the difference between Captain Hudson and his Doctor there is care taken the ship shall be supply'd since the captain will leave him behind.

11. Fifty Pagodas paid the Dutch at Jaffnapatam for the hire of their vessells who gott the Sherborn off Molly Vally Shoal which is charged to the Sherbornes account.

12. The Successe left Bengall the 9th of September arriv'd Madrass 1st instant the Councill in the Bay hope to dispatch most of their ships to join the Dutch.

13. The Dartmouth Aurengezebe Averilla and Sherborn were off Point Palmeras the 12th September standing in to Ballasore.

14. The 6th instant arriv'd the Rising Sun Smack with 103 Bales Longcloth Sallampores and strip'd Bettellees from Vizagapatam.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

15. Refer to the Bouveries letter for what wrote under this head. more perfect list sent of Manufactures desired.

16. Have perswaded the Merchants to dispose of most of the 200 Bales of Broadcloth they had by them when the Bouverie was dispatcht the Merchants had formed a design to get an abatement on the Woollen goods received lately by the Shipping pretending the quantity was to great the St. Davids Merchants being willing to contract for 80,000 Pagodas if might have a share of the Broad Cloth at 55 per cent on Invoice and the Madrass Merchants resolving against a Partition and being willing the others should have all for this year have contracted with those at St. Davids for the whole to be deliver'd to their orders at Madrass as they bring in their Goods at St. Davids so now the Town will be clear against the arrivall of the next Cargo.

17. Letters from the Bay advise they had sold all the Companys Broadcloth last year at 100 per cent had they advised Madrass thereof would have suply'd them with 2 or 300 Bales more wonder they have not demanded more from England though should sell it cheaper answer to their complaint of some Cloth carry'd from Madrass to the Bay and sold at under rates they do all they can to hinder its being sent from the Coast to the Bay.

18. Refer to the Consultation of the 16th March why 16 Bales were permitted to be carry'd to the Bay—which perhaps has occasioned the Complaint.

19. Stationary ware sent the two last years proves bad and particularly most of the Paper and Quills desire 2 or 3 Chests for sale as per List best to put it in the Gunroom and not in the hold or Bread room where it is damp the Letters being cram'd close in the Packetts and put in the bread room made them stick together as not to be separated without tearing the covers and the Wafers were all in a Lump.

20. Complain of the flints being defective and unserviceable to the hazard of the souldiers lives when in action beg great care may be taken therein.

21. Corall for three or four years has yielded a tollerable profit but the Armenians importing quantitys this year from Persia great part is unsold They bring it cheaper by way of Persia than it is procured from England.

22. The fine Bead Corall is chiefly vended in China that markett glutted by the quantitys carry'd from Lisbon to Macao ten pecul was imported there last year.

23. The Armenians send their factors on the Danes ships with Coast and Bay goods and the next year bring English and Dutch Broadcloth this carry'd on by the Armenians in Holland Aga Peres Cerrespondent in London and two Armenians at Madrass.

24. The Remedy proposed for this is to oblige the Armenians who live under the English protection and use their passes not to meddle with the trade of Europe the Armenians of substance will not leave Madrass and the profitable trade of it they have now at least half the Private Trade of India at least to Manilla China and Pegu which are the most advantagious branches.

25. Desire the Companys direction therein in the meantime do what they can to hinder the Sale of their Broadcloth or their sending Goods to Trincombar.

26. The iron in the Bouveries Invoice amounting to £ 540 : 6 : is not reckon'd in the totall which should be £ 60917 : 1 : 9½ and was but £ 60376 : 15 : 9½ the Accomptant has rectify'd the mistake in the books.

27. Guilt leather carpets are usefull for presents but not yet demanded for sale.

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

28. By last advised had contracted for 800 Bales for the Hallifax before President Harrison arrived of which 200 were to be deliver'd at St. Davids but by reason of the flying Partys are not yet don.

29. Have with much ado got goods enough at Madrass to fill up the Hallifax Cotton is risen from 14 and 15 to 18 and 19 Pagodas per Candy and what they sent to Vizagapatam was sold at 24. the Mortallity and wars make Manufacturers scarce had not the Madrass Merchants exerted themselves to oblige the new President this Contract had not been comply'd with for they loose considerably by it.

30. No Goods of the Europe sortments have been made in the parts about Madrass except this Contract when by reason of the disappointment at St. Davids they had agreed in Consultation the 24th September to buy up any goods rather than send the ship dead freighted. Could not get one Bale of Longcloth Sallampores Bettellees or Morees in all Madrass which never was so before.

31. Thô this account may be look'd on as given for private ends yet everybody on the place and those now going home will confirm it.

32. Were obliged to buy up 20 Candy of white Pepper at 24 Pagodas a Candy to fill up the Hallifax which they were necessitated to do so hope to be excused.

33. So much being standing out on Mr. Addisons contract made them not enter on a new one and because expect an abatement on the prices now there is a likelyhood of better times therefore shall defer agreeing for any Considerable Investment if can do it without prejudice to the Companys affairs.

34. The 6th instant received 103 Bales from Vizagapatam of Longcloth Sallampores and Striped Bettellees but those sent last being brown can't now send them are promised 100 Bales more in December.

35. Contract made 10th September last at St. Davids for 80,000 Pagodas to be deliver'd by the 20th February and to be paid for all the Broadcloth as before mentioned the Deputy Governour particularly commended for this the late Deputy Governour always complained of the difficultys of making Contracts during the troubles and is suspected of underhand dealings to hinder this Contract which if can be plainly made appear shall be bound to punish to deter others.

36. Hope to dispatch the ships next season early and rich repartition of the Coast and Bay Cargos too hazardous during the war while the French are on the Coast unless have secure opportunitys of sending goods up and down of which desire further orders.

37. Can't purchase Metchlepatam goods because the Merchants will have money advanced and the Goods delivered at Metchlepatam which can't agree to till the New Companys Debt is adjusted have bought up about 20 Corge Metchlepatam handkerchiefs.

38. Mr. Pitts advice of 2500 Bales lying ready at Madrass when he left it a mistake as per Consultation 7th May last.

39. On opening some of the St. Davids Bales to repack them find the goods 15 to 20 per cent worse than those of Madrass which the Merchants at Madrass are sensible of thô they do all they can to hinder the Merchants seing of them have sent a piece of Longcloth Midling N°. 2 down to St. Davids which is as bad as the lowest Madrass ordinary and reprimanded the sorters and enjoyned them severely to be more carefull for the future and ordered the Deputy Governour to have an eye over them hope the Company will examine all the Cargos now sent and those blamed only that deserve it if the ticketts should be wanting in any Bales the 2 first letters of the sorters name will be seen which have been put on every Bale pack'd since President Harrisons arrivall.

40. On complaint in Consultation of the 27th September of fine goods not answering the 2d. number being the lowest the Company order fearing should want goods did venture to take them in after view at a lower number and made a price accordingly as per that Consultation.

41. Hard to alter the Weavers old Method of making cloth of a raw spungy uneven thread but will endeavour it by degrees their present Musters are of a long standing desire Musters yearly from England to sort by and that half of each piece be kept to compare by when the goods arrive in England.

42. As to the Complaint of unevenness of Sorting it often happens that pieces worse than N°. 1 and yet better than N°. 2 are put to N°. 2 which is rather an advantage they use all imaginable exactness and hope will be no more cause of complaint.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

43. The free trade of India still declines thô their ships are most arriv'd safe yet have but very little advantage Countrey near them in quiet. The Duan being at war with the King of Misore obstructs the Inland trade and keeps down the price of Goods no likely hood of quiet in the Empire till a more active Prince is on the throne.

44. Have endeavoured to make peace with the Enemy but he demanding the money due from the Renters which Mr. Roberts let escape thô he promis'd the Contrary and a compensation for burning the villages and the Crop on the ground in all 20,000 Pagodas can't consent thereto.

45. Hope by the next ship to write the war is ended if must pay money will begin with that of Mr. Roberts's attach'd who brought these troubles on them.

46. Refer to the Generall Letter from Fort St. Davids of the 30th August sent by the Bouverie for answer to the Companys letter relating to the place and for a true account of Mr. Roberts ill practices.

47. Letters from the Councill in the Bay advise they have received from Metchlepatam the rest of the present part of which being unfitt have return'd to Madrass as per Invoice and List of what is desir'd in lieu there will be great loss by what return'd. The reason.

48. The President and Councill complain'd of for returning severall of the things and particularly a noble Gold bowl made in China and sold at the price it cost there and was esteem'd one of the most valuable articles if want Cash shall sell or mint it if not shall keep it till further order.

49. Have sent to the Bay an account of the Priviledges desir'd for the Coast if the Moguls second sonne succeeds thrô whose hands this present goes it is well if not all is lost. Zulphacar Caun who is now the greatest man in the Empire is disobliged by this.

50. The Duan being so far off can't attempt the recovery of the five towns.

51. Nabob Habib Caun keeps Fuckerla Caun in prison he came suddenly with a strong body of Horse to make Mr. Hastings a visit but finding the English in arms received a small present was good humour'd and went away.

52. Refer to Consultation of the 11th October for the Letter the President is sending to Zulphacar Caun to make him easy he has been the best and greatest benefactor to the English.

53. The Duans sonnes came to visit them at Madrass and to buy Horses &c^{a}. they were splendidly entertain'd and presented as per Consultation of the 17th September.

FIFTHLY OF YOUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

54. Refer to the Bouveries letter for what wrote must build a Hospitall for the sick souldiers, now hire a house for them the Hospitall ready to fall.

55. Have stopt the finishing Egmore house and Redoubt till have the Companys orders.

56. Could not send a true view of the Revenues there being many mistakes found in the Accounts the quit rents are found to be deficient are enquiring into the occasion to remedy them and prevent the like shall send a full account per next.

57. Can't survey the fortifications till the Hallifax is dispatched.

58. Are petitioned to farm the Toddy which shall examine.

59. The Casts as well reconciled as ever and very peaceable shall keep them so.

SIXTHLY FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS AND SOULDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

60. Refer to Consultation of the 13th October for the summe expended since Mr. Pitts time in Stewards expenses shall make further enquirys into this mismanagement and regulate the expences what they can considering the unnecessary number of servants.

61. Mr. George Lewis the Minister designs for England next year pray to have a man of temper moderate principles and great sobriety Turbulent spirits will set all in a flame M^{r}. Lewis has contributed to the prosperity of the place earnestly wish for such another.

62. Mr. Jones the other Minister very sickly would be glad of a 2^{d}. Chaplain might send him to S^{t}. Davids.

MEMORANDUM No 63^{p}. PARAGRAPH.

64. Mr. Henry Smith Writer being indisposed at his desire returns home.

65. Mr. John Burnell who was an Ensign at Bombay having some skill in fortifications have entertained an Ensign shall use him about the buildings and repairs.

66. Lieutenant George Viver and Ensign Samuel Williams cashiered being found dead drunk at their posts at Cuddalore as per Consultation of the 20th September being the Ensigns first fault think to do something for him or must keep his children.

67. Lieutenant Edmond Howson is sent to Coddalore to supply Vivers room, Gunner Hugonin succeeds Captain Coventry who was kill'd by the Example of the loss occasioned by Ensign Sommervilles Cowardice hope no Officers will be sent but what are of approved Courage and not persons of unknown characters.

68. Dr. Francis Jolly entertained Surgeon at Fort St. Davids is well qualify'd.

69. Have entertained Madura Pilla an able man to teach the Companys servants Persian.

70. Refer to Consultation 10th September about Jacob Vanbashayons barbarously murdering Sargeant Parsons and Derrick Johnsons his Accomplice therein at St. Davids.

71. Some persons doubt whether they can punish such Criminalls with death unless such power be procured there will be no living in safety among such reprobates desire the Companys direction whether may try such by a Court Martiall.

72. John Bailie souldier at Vizagapatam deserted to the Enemy when Fuckerla Caun besieged it and directed them to play their guns on the Factory where weakest and made severall attacks that hazarded the loss of it he was caught in Bengall and is now prisoner at Madrass where shall punish him.

73. This present year has been very sickly many Europeans and inhabitants of the Black town have dyed for severall months have had 40 to 50 men at a time in the Hospitall 21 souldiers dy'd since the 10th July must build an Hospitall or will all dye the Surgeons commended.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

74. The Jane being not arriv'd have wrote to the West Coast that they lade the Thistleworth and Todington early and sent proper rules for them to observe shall speedily send thither the Rising Sun Smack to Bencoolen with Petre and redwood thence to go to Batavia for Arrack for the place and supply of the ships.

75. Have not granted Mr. Skingle as yet leave to return to England waiting for the Jane to get living witnesses of the charge against him Mr. Griffith as it is said is gon directly for Bencoolen Mr. Skingle has no money or effects as can hear of.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING YOUR ACCOMPTS.

76. Mr. Frederick the Accomptant and Mr. Hunt who is desired to assist him are constantly employ'd therein but the many errors in Mr. Mountagues time who left them to a raw young lad taken off the Guard hinder'd their finishing them it had been better to have begun them anew they are ballanced but can't be copy'd over for this ship refer to Consultation 21th July how the accounts were on the Presidents arrivall.

77. Shall observe the Companys directions about the books and when have time settle rules for their more easy ballancing yearly.

78. Shall send their report on the next ship with the books which hope will be full.

79. Metchlepatam Merchants have been often with the President about the New Companys debt he don't find he is empowered to end it if it be not will one time or other prove troublesom to the Company.

OF THE DUTCH FRENCH AND DANES.

80. The Dutch left the Coast the 20th September they took in their last goods at Metchlepatam are expected with a strong body in February.

81. Two St. Malloes ships bound for Mocha took a great Dutch ship in April near the Cape, these were the three Captain Phripp saw near Cape Agullas they took out all the money and best of their goods the prize not being able to get her passage bore away and arrived Pondicherry the 23th September and are going back to Mocha to join the two.

82. Hear the two French ships expected on the Coast wanting Bullion are coming round by Peru and will arrive next season.

83. No ship arriv'd from Denmark this year only one goes thither and will sail this day.

OF THE SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

84. John and Elizabeth and Mermaid are gon to the Bay for freight neither having Stock enough to go home.

85. The Oxford on the 14th September fell in with the great Dutch prize off Batticola taking her for a Dutch ship enquired of her for news and was taken they arriv'd together at Pondicherry where the Merchants of Madrass bought her.

SUPPLEMENT OF WHAT WAS OMITTED IN THE FOREGOING & WHAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE OCTOBER 13TH.

86. In the Bouveries Invoice 12 Bales St. Davids Bettellees N°. 25 Invoiced 48 Corge should be 60 Corge and 16 Bales N°. 26 invoiced 64 Corge should be 80 Corge the difference is 28 Corge value Pagodas 834 : 18 : 28. which shall be rectify'd in the books.

87. Have sent on the Mermaid to the Bay severall things to be added to the present as per List demanded and now sent.

88. Propose the ships for Bencoolen should come out early and touch at the Fort for Kintlage.

89. Shall send Captain Staceys account per next ship.

90. Bills drawn for 600 Pagodas part of Mr. Philip Richardsons estate paid into Cash by Mr. Bulkley.

91. Bill of Exchange sent in the Packett for £600 drawn by Captain William How on Aron Pacheco payable to Mr. William Eston Chief of Gombroon and wrote to Mr. Eston that he pray the Company to receive and pay it to Mr. William Lees poor relations in part of what left them by Mr. Lees will.

92. One hundred Pagodas supply'd Captain Thomas Clapham of the Successe for necessarys as per his request sent.

93. The Rising Sun fiill'd up with Petre and Redwood to be carry'd to the West Coast.

94. Laughlin Makenny Sargeant returned on the Successe being guilty of notorious crimes.

95. Refer to Consultation of October 13th for the Messrs. Davenport and Martin Warehousekeepers report about goods wanting per Heathcote in answer to the Generall Letter.

96. Want of 200 Bales from St. Davids kept the ship severall days-much ado to fill her up but 9 bales of the 10 ordered to St. Helena on the Successe sent as per Invoice &c^{a}.

97. Captain Hudson on the 13th instant requesting 150 Bags more of Petre enabled them to fill the ship up.

98. On Captain Claphams request sent have supply'd him with 80 Pagodas more.

99. Yesterday arrived the President from the Bay with Petre and packing stuff but having no stores proper for Bencoolen shall send her back and order her thence to Bencoolen.

100. Having no opportunity to send Petre from the Bay to Bencoolen have agreed to send on the Oxford 1500 Bags at a Pagoda per Bag and to carry two or three hundred Candy of Redwood in the bargain.

101. The ship being full and the season late shall add no more.

Edw. Bulkley	E. Harrison.
Wm. Jennings	Tho. Frederick
Bernard Benyon	Henry Davenport
William Warre	W. Martin

Rich. Hunt.

Fort S^{t}. George General, Dated 5th October 1711. Rec^{d}. Per Hallifax the 6th Sept^{r}. 1712.

1. Have wrote largely by the Bouverie and Tankerville dispatch'd the 4th September and shall do the same by the Hallifax which hope to send away by the 10th October yet having this opportunity by the Danes ship send the enclosed account that it may arrive early. Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p. 332.

2. Enclosed send abstracts of the Bouveries and Hallifaxes Invoice with Lists of Stores and Goods wanted.

3. Can't be exact in the account of the Hallifaxes Invoice being in daily expectation of Goods from Vizagapatam and St. Davids.

4. Intend to dispatch the Averilla in December to reach the Dutch, she is ordered up early from the Bay design to fill her up at St. Davids.

5. Might have laden a bigger ship by January but then must have been too late for the Dutch and run in danger of the French if had been sent to St. Davids.

6. Are engaged in an expensive war with Syroop Sing Governour of Chingee the St. Davids bounds besieged, can get in no goods or grain from the Countrey, forced to send Grain to St. Davids the war has been ever since the Frederick was dispatch'd, yet no care taken to supply them with Grain or other Provisions for which the then Deputy Governour was Culpable refer to their letters for the Account and cause of the war Mr. Roberts the occasion of it for his own base lucre it has cost a great summe and will more to finish it besides want of investments.

7. Are dayly labouring to accommodate matters which hope to Effect by January.

8. Expect the St. George and Sherborn may be dispatcht from the Bay to reach the Dutch, but have no letters from thence since the 10th July. President Harrison arrived with the three ships.

9. The Dutchesse and Katherine are at Bombay the London arrived Persia the 29th June-Godolphin laden with coffee from Mocha cast away at Rombay the 6th August and all lost, Howland and Hester gone from Batavia for Canton, no news of the Rochesters dispatch from Chusan.

10. Two French ships from Cadiz took a Dutch ship outward bound near the Cape in Aprill with 100,000 Dollars in money, which they carry'd with them from Mocha leaving the ship to follow them, who not getting into the Gulph made by Zeylon for the Coast and off the Fryershood took the Oxford who lay by to speak with them and carry'd her the 23^{d}. September to Pondicherry the Dutch ship is of Amsterdam of their biggest rate she fought well, these three Captain Phrip saw off Cape Agullas and by night escaped them.

11. Have letters from the Bay by the Successe of the 31st August the present not yet sent to Court great part of it return'd as unfitt.

12. They promise their utmost industry.

P.S.—The Oxford left the Jane near Madeira no news of her since.

Edw. Bulkley	E. Harrison
Wm. Jennings	Tho. Frederick
Bernard Benyon	Hen. Davenport
William Warre	Wm. Martin.
	Rich. Hunt.

Fort S^{t}. George General, Dated 22th. Dec^{r}. 1711 and 4th & 7th January 1711-12. Received Per Averilla 25th September 1712.

Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p. 314.

1. Their last was by the Hallifax and Successe dispatch'd the 17th October by whom sent duplicates of the Bouveries and Tankervilles letters with other Papers Books &c^{a}.

First Concerning your Shipping out & home and in the Countrey.

2. The Rising Sun sail'd for Bencoolen the 17th October.

3. The 24th October dispatch'd the President for Bengall with 34 Candy and 4 lb Iron wrote for and desired them to return her with stores for the West Coast with all expedition, the 27th October the Oxford sail'd for Bencoolen with

1500 Bags Petre and 250 Candy Redwood as per Consultation 16th October this with what sent per Elizabeth Gally and Rising Sun will furnish kintlage for that years shipping for want of kintlage fear some ships have been lost and among others the Anna and Westmoreland.

4. From Negapatam have news the 2 French ships intended for Mocha took the Dutchesse off Vingalore rocks near Goa the 29th September and carry'd her to Callicutt the 8th October Captain Blacon lost his arm in the engagement, on which sent an account thereof to the Bay and all other the Settlements, the 20th November had more particulars of it from Anjengo and Callicutt as per Papers N°. 19-had further advice that the French ships sail'd from Callicutt the 17th October and were seen off Mangalore the 25th where they had chaced ashore severall Rice Vessells and a Portugeez frigot their Convoy.

5. The 26th November had news from Pondicherry said two ships would come on the Coast as soon as the season permitts-which is expected because the Governour at Pondicherry wants money for subsistence.

6. Expect these ships will come about Zeylon in January or February whereupon have ordered Mr. Raworth to hire the Mary Sloop an excellent sailer at 30 Pagodas a month as per Consultation 26th November to go to Batavia to advise the Howland of it expecting she will touch there and not venture thrô the Straits of Mallacca-She sail'd the 10th December and may get to Batavia in 20 days.

7. By a Danes ship bound to Mallacca and Jehore gave orders that if any danger in those Streights they should send advice boats to cruize in the Streights of Sincapore and order the Howland to Batavia to come with the Dutch fleet.

8. By letters from Anjengo and Callicutt hear the 2 French ships were cruizing of Goa the 10th November the Dutch prize sailed from Pondicherry the beginning of October and sent his boat ashore the 13th November to Callicutt then past by.

9. Bombay letters 9th November advise 20 Chests of Treasure was taken in the Dutchesse-the Katherine was at Bombay-London not arriv'd from Persia nor any ship from Europe the Godolphin from Mocha with Coffee ship wreck'd on Bombay Island most of her Cargo lost-sorry for these misfortunes—Seven Dutch ships bound to Suratt and Persia instead of ranging along the coast kept out of sight of land and past by Bombay the 1st November.

10. Averilla sail'd from Bengall the 4th December arriv'd Madrass the 19th-Darby arriv'd Ballasore the 20th November parted with the Jane near the line-Patana boats not then come down-the Sherborne and Mr. Weltden and family on her and St. George would be first dispatcht-troubles at Cassimbuzar with the Duan continue, all Goods and provisions there dear.

11. The French report the Pyrates at Madagascar are building a large new ship-to be sure to infest the Indian Seas, proposed to send two early ships for Suratt yearly well mann'd to visit the Pyrates Ports and burn their vessells, this in two or three years would clear the seas of them and redound to the English honour.

12. Captain Hursts request in the Bay for Petre not being sent up have obliged him to renew it, which is in the Packett.

[13.] Redwood being wanted in the Bay the Averilla's was taken out after loaden which took up some time to put in again at the Fort under her Petre.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

14. The Merchants at Madrass consented those at St. Davids should have all the Broadcloth foreseeing they could make no advantage by it in the end to deter them from medling with it for the future.

15. The Madrass Merchants had before stock'd the neighbouring places with the St. Georges Cargo, 150 Bales deliver'd those of St. Davids but little of it disposed of, the Moguls army being at Delhi and no horse near who take off the Cloth hinder the Vent of it, the Roads infested by the wars between the Nabobs and Countrey Rajahs can't send Bulky Goods into the Countrey this makes it fall hard on the contractors who are not men of substance, however shall encourage them to send it out of town to make room for the next years Cargos if they can't vend it will if desired from the Bay send some thither.

16. Desire the Company will rather abate than exceed in the List of Manufactures demanded, till the Countrey is better settled.

17. Design when the Countrey shipping arrive to make a publick sale of all remains in Warehouse. Severall things ly perishing, woollen Cloth especially the Green by lying in Warehouse breed a worm, have therefore made an order to sell all remains as soon as a new Cargo arrives.

18. By the Hallifax received from the Bay some salted Provisions which they write came from England but little disposed of the rest putrify'd is buryed.

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

19. Advised in the last of the 80,000 Pagodas contract made at St. Davids having enô for the Averilla and things can't be worse have deferred making a new Contract at Madrass in hopes to get the Merchants keep up to old Musters and abate in the price.

20. Shall have a Cargo for a 400 ton ship in September and provide for another in December to joyn the Dutch at the Cape the best way to avoid the French.

21. Can't provide the Metchlepatam Goods there will endeavour to make them at Madrass if can get them cheap and the Chay well fixed.

22. Have wrote to Vizagapatam to get the Weavers thither from Metchlepatam hope by September to get those goods one way or other.

23. Eighty five Bales Longcloth Sallampores and Striped Bettellees on this ship received from Vizagapatam the Bettellees well wash'd hope they will prove good.

24. Mr. Hastings writes there is a sett of sufficient Merchants at Vizagapatam will contract for 50,000 Pagodas or more in Longcloth Sallampores and Bettellees for next Season have promised to send him money next Season for must advance on all places on the Coast except Madrass, shall caution him not to advance a great summe to run a risk.

25. Three hundred ninety one Bales on the Averilla-100 more their Merchants have brought in from Porto Novo to St. Davids the rest of her Cargo will be compleated at St. Davids.

26. The St. David Merchants daily bring in Goods by Porto Novo thô with difficulty by reason of the Chingee enemy.

27. Sorry must complain of Mr. Farmers St. Davids investment by this ship but if should be silent might be censured.

28. Seventy Bales of Longcloth brown received in October for the Hallifax came too late, when it came to be washed found it much inferior to the Madrass Musters, wherefore complained of it to the now Deputy Governour of whom hope for better hereafter, can expect no thorough reformation till the Company distinguish the best and worst sortments.

29. Will not without necessity take in goods worse than Muster and if they do will have proportionable abatements in full Councill.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

30. All their shipping being abroad can add nothing to their last.

31. King Shaw Allums weak Government who keeps encampt at Delhi gives opportunity to the Nabob &c^{a}. to commit ravages so that all trade almost is destroy'd no Merchants come down to buy up goods.

32. The inland trade of Madrass grows worse. The Duan is return'd to Arcott having obliged the King of Misore to pay 5 lack Rupees. Shaw Allum has don him new honour ther upon-they are at present on good terms with him which will preserve he is secretly an enemy to the English, cunning and covetous he sent the President a sad horse and vest as a particular token of his favour are trying if can retrieve the 5 villages on advantagious terms but will not lanch out money on a precarious title, these 5 villages are part of what was long since made over to Zulphacar Caun for his Jaggeer and Doud Caun always paid Zulphacar Cauns treasurer 2,300 Pagodas yearly for them, which this covetous Duan will not do Strange the English should let them but at 1,200 Pagodas a year, when Doud Caun left those parts the villages devolved to the Owner, and the Duan being answerable for the Revenue took possession of them, being in vain to defend by force some of them being 6 and 8 miles off except would draw a war on themselves if Zulphacur granted them or others it would be good only for his life when the Subaship is given to another must give him what presents he will demand therefore shall consider well and rather endeavour to increase the Revenues.

33. Ammin Caun a great favourite of Zulphacur Caun and Nabob of the Chirpy Countrey whom the Duan joyned against Misore sent a Civill letter and Surpaw to the President desiring his officers might buy up horses elephants and rich goods which was granted and great Civillity show'd them.

34. The Averilla brought letters from the Bay advising Zoode Caun was displaced believe it is don by Zulphacur Caun who manages all affairs of the Empire and that they intend to send the present forward to Patna speedily, but don't say under whose mannagement, it is said Mr. Robert Foulks will be the Second who understands Persians well, the Success will depend on the Capacity and Conduct of those who go with the present have sent account of their grants to get them confirmed, it is not customary to insert many Particulars in a Royal Grant it will be well if can enjoy their old Priviledges for the Countrey Government about them are contriving to get money from them.

35. The originall Cowls for the settlement of Madrass granted by the Rajahs missing hear Mr. Yale sent them up by sea by Sir John Childs order to Suratt and the ship never heard of.

36. Zoodee Cauns Government given to the Duan and the troubles with him yet continue all Goods risen there 20 per cent and it is not easy to reduce them, the St. George and Sherborn hoped to be dispatcht to reach the Dutch. Aurungzebe also intended home and the Darby to be sent up to Madrass.

37. Nabob Habib Caun at war with the Rajah Ananterauze a friend to the English, has desired Mr. Hastings assistance to whom have wrote to avoid taking either side.

38. The countrey round Metchlepatam at wars the Dutch kill'd Mahomed Year Beague with a great shott when he came to plunder the town his Father is come with a potent army for revenge-so all trade is at a stand.

39. When the Hallifax sail'd had hopes the war at St. Davids would have been ended, the Rajahs chief favourite coming in to their bounds the 20th October to treat, a truce concluded on their army withdrew on which got in all the grain and provisions procurable and a handsome quantity of Cloth by small parcells which enabled the dispatching the Averilla.

40. Near two months spent in endeavours to make a peace had consented to make up the matter as cheap as possible on Mr. Raworths writing they were come to the terms following.

41. Their lowest demand was Rupees 50,000, and to make over the Renters debt with the Interest to be recover'd of them or Mr. Roberts.

42. They offered to quit all claim to the Companys bounds to give villages &c^{a}. that would bring in Pagodas 2778 a year and a durable peace with release of the Prisoners and a present worth 500 Pagodas.

43. Mr. Raworth ordered to make an end as per Consultation 26th November but they retracted all and demanded Coddalore and Trepopolore as belonging to them, and sent an impudent letter as per Consultation of 3^{d}. December and next morning laid an ambush and fired on the men who went to relieve the out guard thô none fell.

44. Their former success by the cowardly Ensign and the English keeping quiet during the Treaty made them so daring, whereupon the Deputy formed a design to attack their camp which was about 3 miles off in the night which was nobly executed as per account in the Packett.

45. On this the Enemy removed their Camp and intrenched themselves, and intercepted their Letters Goods and Provisions. 15th December being well recruited they came in a body near the bounds to attack them the *Deputy Gov*ernour had thrown up a Mud work and mounted a whole Culverin Secretly with which as entring the bounds he kill'd them severall men and horses and made them retire, the next Morning Cannonaded them in their Camp which made them remove to 8 miles distance, where have been since quiet.

46. They have left no stone unturned to settle matters because must be sufferers by the war, and must pay money whenever it is ended but can't be Gainers.

47. Thô they will neglect no means to make an accommodation yet would do it on secure and honourable terms, and therefore insisted on an equivalent for what moneys were paid that it might look like a Purchase not a Peace offering, but they are such faithless people can't depend on their keeping articles.

48. Mr. Fraser and Mr. Farmer who managed this matter without a fair result of Councill did not consider the power of the People, the Prince subject to the Mogull Governour of one of the strongest places in the Empire nor ought they to have ravaged the country burnt their villages and corn and kill'd the people, which could never regain the two Prisoners who were out of the bounds without leave and did not defend themselves as they ought when seized.

49. Syrup Sing did not seiz the 2 Prisoners till he had often apply'd to President Fraser for justice between Mr. Roberts and him, thô the Governour transacts affairs singly with the Countrey Governours as the Companys representative yet ought in all affairs of moment to consult the Council Mr. Roberts as the Companys Representative protects this Rajahs debtors and awards to his satisfaction but afterwards gives his word for their appearance to pay the money yet lets them escape after the Chief Peon had stopt them and secured them, he check'd them for so doing and ordered the Guards off of them whereupon they gott away.

50. From whence is concluded Mr. Roberts ought to be answerable for he bayled the Debtors had the money been paid all had been quiet but then he puts Mr. Fraser on a Scrutiny and to stop Farmers mouth proposes a match betweene his sonne and Farmers daughter and thereupon embarked for England, after the ravaging the Companys settlement of 50 or 60,000 Pagodas he left them exposed to a war.

51. Some of the Councill proposed to stop Mr. Roberts but Mr. Fraser did not hearken, then by Mr. Farmers advice made presents to Sirrup Sing to release the 2 Prisoners who believing them men of great value kept them, and the presents,

the late Deputy Governour and Councill fell upon violent proceedings without orders, only alledging for excuse the Council at Fort St. George did not disapprove of them.

52. They only approv'd Mr. Farmers project of reprisall by seizing Syrup Sings Relations, instead of which they kill'd the Chief man who defended himself bravely.

53. Then Mr. Farmer alone orders the souldiers to kill burn and destroy all before them for 14 miles together this has made the Enemy implacable.

54. Those at St. Davids appealing to the Company makes it necessary to say so much on this head.

55. Have ever since President Harrisons arrivall endeavour'd to end these troubles honourably, thô thought it necessary as things had been carry'd to make a good figure, since the war was begun in defending the Companys bounds without advancing into the Enemys Countrey.

56. They want good Souldiers, of the 600 Europeans and Topasses at St. Davids only 100 fit to go on any dangerous Service, such as the attack on the Enemys camp, for when the 2^{d}. detachment of 80 men were sent out to support the other they mistook them for enemys and run away from their captain which shows what sorry wretches come out as souldiers.

57. Are forced to be thus large to give a thorough information and prevent being deceived by false insinuations.

58. Refer to Fort St. Davids General Letter of the 25th October enter'd N°. 142 wherein they own Syrup Sings demands above the Renters Debt was on account of destroying 60,000 Pagodas of Grain and killing the Pandarum at Yembollum, and desire to disburse considerably out of the Companys Cash to make up the difference, thô they say they had not authority to kill burn and destroy.

59. Had they considered well before and stopt Mr. Roberts might have compounded all for 4 or 5000 Pagodas for the Renters debts and saved all the mens lives.

60. By letters from Mr. Hastings of the 11th December hear the Nabob Habib Caun plunders and burns all the Countrey, all trade stopt and can get in no more goods.

61. The free trade from Madrass to the Bay which used to increase the Revenue is lost to the English the Moors and Armenians get it all.

62. The Councill in the Bay brag they put a stop to the English going up into the countrey by alledging to the Company it raised their investments.

63. The use they have made of this point gained is the President and Chief of Patna get 30 to 40 per cent on all goods brought from Patna to Calcutta besides what got on the goods up, can get no goods but from them, the same is don at all other the Companys settlements, and where the Company have none the Broker gets the profit because no European is suffered to make his own investment in the countrey.

64. This appears by the Moors and Armenians selling Bay goods at Madrass at the Sea Gate for good profit, when the English cant get their principall for the same sorts at the same prices.

65. This makes the Moors rich proud and dispute paying their Customs and ready to go to their Countrey Governours for redress, wish none had ever dwelt among them.

66. Desire the Company to consider what damage it can be for the English to go up into the Countrey for Ophium &c^{a}. which the Company dont want for England, hope the Company will favour them therein, the Broker by his power secures all freights to be at the Presidents disposall, so that must pay ten per cent commission or can get no freight.

67. The great decay of the Trade at Madrass makes them sollicite the Companys favour.

FIFTHLY YOUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

68. Are building a Guard house and Hospitall for the Souldiers near the River side as per plan sent hope to finish it by the next Season.

69. Shall apply fines and forfeitures to the use of this building and subscribe themselves and get others to do the same, hope to finish all and have a fund for the hospitall to relieve the Poor at as little expence to the Company as Egmore building has cost thô it is not finished.

70. Draught of the Egmore Guard house sent desire orders whether shall finish it and to what use to put it.

71. Shall not meddel with the intended house at the Mount till have done the more necessary works.

72. Most of the great Gun carriages defective wont bear the guns firing are repairing them to the seaward, afterwards shall repair all the rest.

73. Twenty long field pieces wanted which carry 2 lb. shott, with the shott &c^{a}. materialls.

74. Shall rebuild St. Thomas's Point when can get bricks enough ready.

75. Shall defer medling with the Colledge till the other works are compleated thô make a hard shift for the Factors and Writers.

76. Have under consideration excising Toddy Tamerind and Salt and when can obviate the Inconvenience shall grant a farm of them.

77. Formerly when goods were seiz'd for being brought into town without paying the duty used to release them on paying double this not being sufficient have ordered they shall be forfeited $\frac{2}{3}$ to the Company $\frac{1}{3}$ to the Informer which has had a good effect as per Consultations 19th November and 13th December.

78. Have reformed in other employments as have found the abuses all which shall enter in Consultation.

79. Refer to the Consultation 30th November for what don about the quit rents, shall recover what they can of the old deficiency and put it on a better foot to ease others hereafter and to help the poor and make the rich bear it.

80. The Farmers of the measuring duty on grain exacting on the Poor have taken away their Cowl as per Consultation 17th December and shall fine them, have let the Farm to another on easyer terms to the poor but at the same rent.

81. The Revenues are paid at the times appointed and under good managers.

82. Want of rain made grain excessive dear, receiving 600 Bags Rice by the Averilla sold it presently to the Poor, since the vessells bring in more daily.

83. President Fraser laid up no store because he said it was so cheap only a little damaged Bengall Rice which is since sent to St. Davids, shall take better care at both places forced to supply St. Davids to the dammage of Madrass.

84. The Mint house being ready to fall and standing inconvenient for the Souldiers have purchased a convenient house and ground for a new one as per Consultation 13th December the Mint Braminys shall contribute thereto the old house repaired would have cost half what give for the other.

SIXTHLY FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS SOULDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

85. Mr. Richard Horden arriving from Vizagapatam in October is undersearcher at the Sea gate.

86. Ninth November try'd John Baillie who deserted at Vizagapatam as per Consultation was prov'd guilty, has twice run the gantlet was design'd a 3^{d}. course but he stab'd himself with a penknife thô not mortally, he is a harden'd villain and deserves to be hanged if were sure they had power.

87. Severall Persons sent home for vile actions have got out again to other places beg the Companys care to prevent the like and that they may refuse taking them ashore, would have sent Bailie home but fear he would do more mischief.

88. Joseph Paddle made an ensign at St. Davids at the Deputy Governours desire, severall of the souldiers there deserted to the Enemy.

89. Mr. Robert Jones Minister dy'd the 12th November left little behind him, had paid what he owed the Company, Mr. Lewes intends home next year.

90. Padre Milton displaced from Coddalore and Padre Manoel de Silva reinstated as ordered, believe their Moralls are both alike.

91. Refer to Consultation for what done about reducing the Stewards expences of dyet which will appear monthly hereafter, when stores are laid in in quantitys that months expence must be greater, shall reduce the whole annuall expence one third if could have liquors as wrote for or Madeira wine could reduce it more, refer to the Packet for what wrote for.

92. Severall Pieces longcloth and Sallampores in warehouse damaged eaten with ants and rotten as per Consultation 23th November know not whom to fix the fault on, shall dy the best for the West Coast and make the rest if tollerable into shirts.

93. Coventry Gifford writer dy'd 2^{d}. December gave by will his effects to Benjamin Russell, Ensign Zachary Highlord dy'd at Vizagapatam the 12th December.

94. Mr. Ferd: Coningsby indebted to the Warehouse Pagodas 111: 11. Mr. Raworth is to send account Particulars in the Packett have ordered no factor or writer shall be trusted by the Warehousekeeper above a years sallary.

95. In November at St. Davids George Brand Gent. at Arms kill'd John Hughs the Cooke, expect him up to be try'd here.

96. Mr. Chitty in the Bay indebted to the Company Rupees 20836: 12: 11. of which have stopt above 12000 shall seiz any of his effects when can to make good the remainder.

97. M^{r}. Richard Skingle goes home on the Averilla as per Consultation 20th December has given bond to appear before the Company, M^{r}. Jer: Harrison secured all his effects he could find only the summe totall of his Debt in the Accompt Currant, ballance due thereon is Pagodas 576: 9: 13. Debts on the West Cost may make that good.

98. M^{r}. Harrison and Captain Phrip seiz'd a Parcell of Mr. Skingles Coast and Bay goods pretending could not sell them when indeed they had too many of their own to putt off, nor would they lett him sell his own and they take the money, so they were brought to Madrass and sold at 25 per cent less than they cost.

99. M^{r}. Thomas Way entertained Supervisor of the works at 10 Pagodas a month, while employ'd therein.

100. Have ordered St. Davids to discharge what Peons they can and act defensively in their own bounds, and endeavour an accommodation-Stewards Expences much more in M^{r}. Roberts time than in M^{r}. Raworths.

101. Their best souldiers sent to S^{t}. Davids those at Madrass not to be depended upon, must keep fair with the Duan and avoid disputes, and fewer souldiers at S^{t}. Davids can't defend the bounds.

102. Can't yet try the murtherer of Sarjeant Parsons the evidence being at S^{t}. Davids will if possible hang him for so barbarous a murder.

103. M^{r}. John Rudge deceased his Account Currant &c^{a}. comes in the Packett the Ballance Pagodas 135: 2: 7. paid into Cash.

104. D^{r}. Chadsleys Account Currant sent but he owes more than the ballance which must divid proportionably.

105. Can't send Mr. Robert Jones's account currant yet.

106. What souldiers shall be sent pray they may be fit for souldiers.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING YOUR ACCOUNTS.

107. The books of accounts now sent ballanced and signed as ordered the President and Councill can't be answerable for mistakes they had no hand in shall take care for the future they be duly kept up, wish they had been better wrote.

108. Severall summes stand as debts in these books transferred from others scarce anybody left to inform how they arose or what don to get them in when the Averilla is gon will enquire the best they can most of the Debtors now living worth little.

109. The Accomptants Office is in the greatest confusion impossible to trace accounts of long standing, the office itself inconvenient no fitting presses to keep books in order or preserve them from the worms, materiall papers thrown in heaps and lost, when rebuild the Colledge shall make a Commodious Office to keep all in.

110. Great part of the Warehousekeeper and Sea Customers debts in last books since received and shall the remainder, the Warehousekeeper debits himself for what he delivers to other people, and sometimes they are insolvent-shall remedy this inconvenience for the future.

111. Messrs. Raworth Frederick and Davenport account of the Moguls present stand debtor 2396 Pagodas Mr. Raworth past his account Particulars in Consultation 9th January 1709–10 the then President narrowly examined every Item and Ballance was ordered to be paid and was paid, the account ordered to the accountant for a further examination and Entry but it was not don, nor can be found. Mr. Raworth says he has no copy of it have on enquiry found out articles to above half the money, for which the account of the present will be credited.

112. Old Companys accounts and account Cash at St. Davids never closed when Mr. Roberts delivered up the Garrison to Mr. Fraser.

113. What the Farmers of towns stand debtors in the books will be duly paid.

114. Mr. Empson Warehousekeepers Account was in Confusion when he dy'd and so little don to it since fear shall not settle it as it should be.

115. Chittee one of the Joynt Stock merchants Debtor Pagodas 2648 :-dy'd insolvent.

116. Quolla Mulla &ca. *Brickmakers stand debtors for money advanced when* Mr. Marshall was Paymaster for brick and stone for buildings but can't find how the Debts arose or were left unpaid or any such Persons.

117. In Consultation 7th November agreed to write off severall accounts that stood open, Pryaman Settlement is yet debtor for a great summe, desire to open a new head for the West Coast for what will be transacted hereafter and let the old account stand open.

118. Edward Man Master of Arms deceased stands debtor Pagodas 24: 24. was insolvent, Governour Pitt was verball security for him.

119. Next books shall be more exact will make regulations for the ease of others and to prevent irregularitys in the warehouse and other employs of years past.

SUPPLEMENT OF WHAT WAS OMITTED IN THE FOREGOING AND WHAT HAS OCCURR'D SINCE 4TH JANUARY 1711.

120. Have no advice from the West Coast, when the Darby left the Jane she was sickly and short of provisions and the Chief mate talked of going to Brasile, the Suratt ships talk'd the same before they left England, they were not on the Mallabar Coast the 7th December.

121. Letters from Callicutt of the 7th December advise the French viz^{t}. two S^{t}. Maloe men, the Dutch Prize and Dutchesse had not been seen on that Coast, since the 10th November believe they are gon towards Pondicharry and will stay in India another year, shall take the best care to secure the Companys &c^{a}. ships.

122. On the 17th November the Callicutt Letters say the Siddee landed at Mangalore burnt and destroy'd all before them and after 5 days carry'd away the Prisoners and Plunder, threatens Callicutt with the same he suffer'd the English to carry off their Effects.

123. The Cargos of this years shipping being part of former investments dont send musters.

124. Pray the New Companys debt at Metchlepatam may be compounded to prevent trouble from the Government.

125. Messrs. Fraser and Wright whom the New Company empowered to compound said debt abused their trust and advised the Merchants not to do it thô they told them they had no power to deal with them and paid them a good summe of money towards their Charges in coming from Metchlepatam of all which the Merchants will make oath.

126. The present Governour finds this affair was recommended to President Addison and devolved on M^{r}. Fraser, who telling the Merchants he had power to compound it they reply'd if part was due all was and the Company was able to pay.

127. A Pegu Ambassador has been some at Madrass with presents from the King to the Mogull, but stays for further orders because of disputes with the Governours of the Countrey he is to pass through.

128. Concerning Captain Goodmans protest for his not going on freight and the Dartmouth being taken up in his stead, hear he run the S^{t}. George ashore at Portsmouth which was the true reason he dock'd her in the Bay, that he took out the Companys treasure outward bound and stay'd a great while to see whether it would be found out.

129. Captain Stacey deceased his outcry and account currant sent Pagodas 447 : 17 : 3. the ballance paid into Cash.

130. The John and Elizabeth is lading at Bengall for Persia and the Mermid for Judda.

131. M^{r}. William Martin the then Accomptant says the account of the Mogulls present was sent home by the Frederick and no Copy delivered him to be enter'd in the Generall Books have therefore made an order no Papers shall be sent home but what are Copy'd in the Secretary's Office.

132. The Averilla dispatcht to fill up at S^{t}. Davids the 5th instant hope she may meet the Dutch at Cape.

Edw : Bulkley	E. Harrison
Wm. Jennings	Tho : Frederick
William Warre	Hen : Davenport
Rich : Hunt	W. Martin

Fort S^{t}. George General, Dated 8th January 1711-12. Rec^{d}. Per Averilla the 25th Sept^{r}. 1712. [*India Office transcript.*]

1. Mr. Bernard Benyon gon down to St. Davids on Affairs of Importance of Governour Addisons is to sit 3^{d}. of Councill to report how affairs are at his return. Coast & Bay Abstr acts, Vol. 1, p. 326.

2. Forty of their best Europe Souldiers sent to St. Davids and to have 40 of theirs return'd who misbehaved themselves.

3. Fearing the speedy arrivall of the French have laid Tappy Peons from Madrass to Vizagapatam, the English in the Bay to do the same from Ballasore, the people of Madrass to bear half the charge, hope this way to secure the trade between Madrass and the Bay and to have letters in 20 to 25 days which used to be two months.

EDW. BULKLEY
WM. JENNINGS
WILLIAM WARRE
RICH: HUNT
E. HARRISON
THO: FREDERICK.
HEN: DAVENPORT
W. MARTIN

FORT ST. GEORGE GENERAL, DATED 10TH JANUARY 1711–12. RECD. PER AVERILLA THE 25TH SEPTR. 1712. [*India Office transcript*]

Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 1, p. 326.

1. Bad weather at St. Davids hindring the curing their Cloth have sent them 50 Bales, and ordered them to put aboard the Averilla if wanted 120 Bales of Longcloth and Sallampores brown.

2. Six Bales of Coffee intended to be sent in the present to the Mogull being returned are now sent home.

E. HARRISON
THO: FREDERICK
HEN: DAVENPORT
W. MARTIN
WM. JENNINGS
WILLIAM WARRE
RICHARD HUNT

GOVERNOUR HARRISONS LETTER, DATED 10TH JANUARY 1711–12. RECD. PER AVERILLA THE 25TH SEPTR. 1712. [*India Office transcript.*]

Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 1, p. 327.

1. Having wrote so fully of the Companys affairs should not have wrote again but that the Councill being tacitly concerned in all the late mismanagements, which they excuse themselves is because of President Frasers obstinate perverseness if contradicted, and might have embroiled the Companys affairs, which were not in a good condition.

2. Refer to the Evidences by the ships gon home to prove Dubashes and Conicoplys govern'd Madrass the two last years, imprisoning fining and punishing the People at pleasure, which their Countreymen could not bear and complain'd to him and beg'd him to have but one Governour which he will grant them, they are so curbed now all seem easy, but if any should complain he hopes the Company will have good evidence before a Superior is condemned, for if they are kept to their duty they will be disobliged.

OF SHIPPING.

3. Begs the Company will consider their ships are not strong enough against the French, if the war continues fear shall have more French ships than usuall, two being expected by way of Peru and China.

4. Wishes the Company could get two fourth rates yearly to convoy the Coast and Bay ships out to cruiz from November to January and then convoy all home from Madrass this would also secure the Countrey trade and be a Creditt to the Nation and Company.

5. And one fourth rate on Bombay side.

6. In the interim thinks it necessary to get 2 or 3 small vessells, good sailers, to gain and carry Intelligence.

MANUFACTURES OF EUROPE.

7. St. Davids Merchants poor by Mr. Roberts fleecing them, so take off the Broadcloth but slowly, the Madrass Merchants their Enemys will endeavour to reconcile them, that may dispose of all the Cloth before more comes.

8. Heaps of woollen goods ly rotten in the Warehouse as per Consultation some have layn there severall years, this will be prevented in future.

9. Liberty given to the Companys servants to have Cloth &c^{a}. for their use has been abused of late, others getting things in their names, Writers of 2 years standing Debtors to the Warehouse 50 to 100 Pagodas each and not a farthing to pay, they sell it to other People at 50 per cent profit and so have the Companys goods and 50 per cent profit in their hands, if they should dy all is lost this abuse he hopes is remedy'd thô some Debts are doubtfull among which my Lord Coningesbys Sonne.

INVESTMENTS.

10. Are near making a Contract with the Merchants for the next years Shipping which can't delay thô Cotton is dear, and troubles in the Countrey encrease and the rains have destroyed the Crop of grain, the quantitys brought in from the Norward will not make it cheap because obliged to succour St. Davids.

TRADE OF INDIA & COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

11. Their ships all abroad and the French expected at Pondicherry makes them afraid, Madrass can't bear losses as formerly, great part of the trading stock gone, when peace comes doubts not to make Madrass flourish, and the Revenues show it.

12. Has wrote respectfully to Zulphacar Caun, who mannages all. Letter without a present will not do much, his design was to repair Mr. Frasers omission and complain of Surrup Sing which ought to have been don long ago, severall husbulhookums to the Duan make the English the agressors.

13. The Duan being ordered to send up to Court the State and account of the quarrell, he is endeavouring to get it favourably represented which should have been don at first, and shows the supineness of former times he can only endeavour to get it well ended and soon.

14. Refer to the Generall Letter about the originall of and false steps taken in this war, wishes to have found the author there.

15. An Armenian who has a prodigious ruby is going up to Zulphacar Caun who has wrote to the Duan to assist him in his Journey, he will go in March shall make use of him to do the Company service.

16. Mr. Fraser blamed for not having a Vackeel at the Moguls Court to advise of the Dutch &c^{a}. proceedings there, and prevent anything doing to the Companys prejudice.

17. Apologizes for his warmth about the St. Davids affair he has no prejudice against any only Zeal for the Company.

18. Have sent for good draughts of Vizagapatam River, hears may at small expence make a good harbour there.

FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

19. Refer to these to what wrote in the Generall Letter, shall by his example prevail for Contributions towards the new Hospitall, hopes what now about will not cost more than Egmore Redoubt, the Paymaster is honest but not experienced in that employ, will assist him.

20. Fearfull of promoting new taxes till the Countrey Government is better settled and the St. Davids troubles over, but is enquiring about the Dutys mentioned in the Generall Letter, severall Mogulls Persians and Patans are settled at Madrass which thinks is no pollicy or prudence to permitt, they being insolent and keep Correspondence with the Government and mutter at the Customs, shall permitt no more without order and be cautious of expelling these.

FACTORS SOULDIERS &C^{A}.

21. Mr. Hastings greatly commended for his ability bravery and fair dealing.

22. Captain Roach commended for his actions at St. Davids.

23. Have a great many useless servants, shall keep them to work and hope they will be better. Have so many young unmarried women hope no more will be suffer'd to come out.

CONCERNING YOUR ACCOMPTS.

25. So many errors in the Accompts could not send them by the' *Hallifax*. what now sent are not fully rectify'd.

26. Warehouse account and want of taking yearly remains occasions all the errors, the Warehousekeeper debits himself for what monthly delivered to others and as the money comes in he pays it and is credited people are not trusted a great while, Mr. Empson Warehousekeepers Account not yet settled and of so long standing hard to do it, he trusted all to his Conicoplys as others do who if knaves can never find out the truth.

27. In July last 70,000 Pagodas due to the Warehouse, and of long standing, but most is now got in, the rest secured.

28. In Aprill 1709 Mr. Hunt finding Empsons account Debtor in a great summe, enquires of his Conicoply who said Colloway and Vincattee Chittee ow'd Pagodas 16,400 which Hunt debits them for but dos not mention for what this summe carry'd forward in other books and their accounts being unadjusted now coming to Ballance with them the Article appears fictitious and can't be proved, so can't make it agree with the Generall books this mention'd to show why can't rectify all mistakes till the next.

Remedys proposed viz^{t}:

1. Warehousekeeper and Storekeeper to keep each a Journall and Ledger to debit persons for what they receive and credit them as they pay and not let the Warehousekeeper only stand the Debtor by which means great losses may and have happen'd.

2. That these Debts be monthly examined and care taken to recover them.

3. That the Conicoplys be not trusted singly but a Covenant servant take account with them.

4. No Covenant servant to be trusted more than a years sallary by the Warehousekeepers.

5. That the alterations happen in Councill no Employments be changed or altered till the Ballance in Aprill and that delivered into Councill and perused and enter'd in the Accompts.

6. That Abstracts be delivered into Councill of all debts and ballances due to the Company and how arising that may be gotten in.

The Joynt Stock Merchants Accounts to be yearly settled and the Ballance agreed before carry'd into new books.

29. This method will keep things regular and prevent the abuses of late crept in, which Mr. Fraser never attempted to cure. Tonnapa Conicoply owes between 3 and 4,000 Pagodas and has nothing ashore to pay, have secured his adventures at sea.

30. Shal endeavour to regulate the Companys affairs and act honestly to preserve the Companys good opinion.

31. The Jane not arrived so can't reform the West Coast having no power till she dos or hear she is lost no news from thence since September 1710.

32. The Councill dilligent in their stations if well look'd after are sensible were too passive in the late Government, which he shall not desire in his, he hopes to answer the Companys expectations.

E. HARRISON.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, OCT. 14, 1712. RECEIVED PER DARTMOUTH. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, pp. 1–73.*]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}.

1. The last opportunity we had of writing your Hon^{rs}. was by the Avarilla, that went hence the 5th. Jan^{ry}. last to fill up at Fort S^{t}. David, and left that place the 18th. of the same month, her cargo amounting to seventytwo thousand two hundred ninetyeight Pag^{s}. two fanams and fourteen Cash, wee sent by her your Generall Books ending Aprill 1711, with severall other materiall Books & paper[s] as by a Duplicate List that comes in this Packett; Our Generall [of] the said ship was begun the 22^{d}. of December, and ended the 7th. of Jan[^{ry}.] after which we had occasion to write two short Letters dated y^{e}. 9th. & [10th.] Ditto, which were sent to Fort S^{t}. David to be put in the Packett. We hope both this and all the other ships of the last season are safely arrivd, and that their Cargoes are to your Hon^{rs}. Satisfaction.

Ψ ship Dartmouth Capt. Thom^{s}. Beckford Comm^{r}.

The Despatch of the Avarilla to & from Ft. St. David and the Dates of our last Letters.

2. We have since been favour'd with a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Woolley dated the 17th. Decemb^{r}. by the Arabella a Generall Letter from your Hon^{rs}. dated the 28th. of December, a Letter from your Accomptants dated the 9th. of Jan^{ry}. and one of the 6th. of Feb^{ry}. from M^{r}. Sec^{ry}. Woolley accompanying a Copy of your Generall to the West Coast; wee have likewise receiv'd all the Invoices, Bills of Loading and other papers exactly conformable to the Lists that came in [y^{e}.] Packetts by this years Shipping: and now we shall proceed to [answ^{r}:] every thing materiall contained in the said Letters, and to give You a full acco^{t}. of your Affairs under this Presidency, & elswhere that are come to our knowledge, rang'd under the proper Heads according to your prescrib'd method; in which we shall use as much brevity as possible, or as the present posture of your Affairs will allow.

The Dates of the Letters rec'd this year.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

In which wee shall first answer what contain'd in your's and then add what has occurr'd [here] among Us.

3. We most heartily congratulate your Hon^{rs}. upon the safe arrivall of so many of your Ships, beseeching the Divine providence to bless all y^{r}: Affairs with the like success; we are highly sensible how much 'tis for your interest during the warr, that as many of your ships as possible, should be dispatch'd in time to joyn the Dutch Fleet at the Cape; which was the reason that last year we chose rather to send away the Avarilla (tho' the least ship) early in Jan^{ry}. than to have loaden one something bigger by the middle of ffeb^{ry}. and had the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David complyed with their Promise, the success had answerd our

Reasons why the Avarilla rather than a bigger ship was dispatch'd from Ft. St. David.

expectation; but this they have to say for themselves that they were at that time streightly beseig'd and continually alarm'd by the Enemy which was a great hindrance to their business.

[An] Excuse for Negligence of former times.

4. Wee will do our utmost endeavours that neither the Bay nor any other of your Settlements, may go beyond Us in diligence & zeal for your Service; the 5th. paragraph of your Honrs: Letter seems to relate wholly to the former Governmt: of this place, & the persons concernd begg leave humbly to offerr that of the five ships from the Bay Anno 1710 the biggest was the Loyall Bliss Loaden the year before, and that if the Bouverie had not been detaind for the reasons formerly given You, the two ships from hence would have been in proportion to the four from Bengall, as our investment is in proportion to theirs.

Too much Tonnage sent out this year.

5. Wee return your Honrs. thanks for the Accot. you are pleased to give us of the Shipping intended for India this Season, but Wee fear by the Number of them, you are not apprizd of the Tonnage remaining upon our hands, both here, in the Bay and on the Malabar Coast, from which wee are very sorry to say, wee can easily foresee a considerable Loss to your Estate.

The orders concerning the [Stretham] shall be complyd wth. [if] possible.

6. Wee observe your Honrs. orders concerning the Stretham bound to China and this place, and should esteem ourselves very happy if circumstances will permitt Us to comply with them, we wrote [a] full accot: in our Letters of last year how matters were like to go at Canton, in which wee were not at all mistaken, for the stocks belonging to this place are not above half return'd, and when the remaining half arrives, the proprietors will not see above fifteen ℔ Cent for the two years: the last Accot: wee receivd from the Howland was dated the 10th. Janry: at Canton, when they expected to be dispatch'd in ten or fifteen days, since when she was seen and Spoke with near Achin on the 2d. of May by the Russell Gally a small Vessell belonging to Bengall, and had then been thirty-three Days from Malacca, from that time we have had no further news of her, nor can wee imagine where she can be; she was not arrivd in Bengall the 15th. July, and all our hopes are that she return'd to Malacca for want of water and provisions.

We have not heard of the Howland Since ye. 2d. May.

The Stretham has an unusuall opportunity of getting early from China, but least she shoud not arrive here in time, we must keep another ship ready to load.

7. The Gentlemen upon the Stretham have an unusuall opportunity this year of getting a quick dispatch from Canton, because the great scarcity of Silver, and the bad success wee had last Season, prevented our sending any ship to China, but then there is an Armenian Vessell that arrivd there in September last from Manhila with a very powerfull Stock to buy Gold, and wee are afraid the Merchants will not have purchas'd near their quantity before ye. Stretham arrives; we shall be sure to provide a suitable Cargoe ready for this ship according to your Directions; but your Honr[s]. may please to consider that the timely arrivall of a China Ship [be]ing so very uncertain, wee must of necessity keep another Ship [ready to] load, in case the other does not come by a convenient Day, [which] we take to be the last of Janry. or there abouts, otherwise the Cargoe will lye upon our hands till next season, and accordingly we have wrote to the Bay for either the Kent or some other Ship about her burthen, to be sent up hither in December.

5 ℔ Ct. shall be deducted out of Mr. Frederick's Gold & Mr. Gumley's looking Glasses.

8. Wee shall take care according to your Order to deduct five ℔ Cent out of Mr. Thomas Fredericks Gold when it arrives; as also out of the produce of Mr. Gumleys Looking Glasses, giving him Bills upon your Honrs. for the remainder, and will not fail to advise you whether a quantity can be sold in China to advantage or not.

The Directions concerns: the Supr. Cargos of ye. Stretham their concern in ye. Voyage &ca shall be duely complyd wth.

9. The Directions in the 12th paragraph, concerning what You have been pleasd to permitt the Supra Cargoes of the Stretham to joyn with your Cargo upon the said ship, as also concerning the Commission that will be due to them upon the Nett proceed of the said Cargo here, the Bills of Exchange to be given for England, the Examination of their Accots. &ca. shall be punctually complyed with.

10. Wee have made it our business ever since your new Presidents arrivall to establish a usefull correspondence with the Gentlem[n] in the Bay, in which wee have succeeded so well as to convey our Letters overland as far as Ganjam which is good threefourths of the [way] to Ballasore in sixteen Days, and were in hopes that they in Bengall would have found means to meet Us with the same expedition, which they have not hitherto effected, however wee now receive their Letters in upwards of thirty Days, which before were wont to be two & three mo^{s}: in their passage, and sometimes lost by the Death of their Cossids, that have not been able to perform the journey, so that the most materiall advices have often miscarryed to the great prejudice of your Affairs; but we have now laid Tappy & peons at convenient stages as farr as Ganjam, half of which charge is born by private Merch^{ts}. as wee have formerly advis'd you.

[To]wards settling a usefull Correspondence wth. ye. Bay we have laid [Tappys] as far as Ganjam.

11. Our last Letters from the Bay were dated the 15th. July wherein they advise Us that they have no prospect of dispatching more than one Ship or two at most, by reason of the present troubles w^{ch}. will fall in more properly under another head; we have wrote them in Answer that if they cannot find a more advantageous employ for the ships that shall remain upon their hands, it would be better to send them up hither loaden with grain and other necessarys for your Acco^{t}. then to lett them lye unemployed in y^{e}. Bay till the next Season serves.

We have wrote to the Bay to send [some] Ships of yors. they cant dispatch or employ better, up hither wth. Grain on your Acco^{t}.

12. Wee observe the Amendments in the Cap^{ts}. instructions relating to their keeping Company with each other for their mutuall security, and all the other repeated Orders containd in your 15th. paragraph, which wee shall be sure to comply with; the Arabella arrivd here the 8th. July, the Marlbro and Kent the 24th. & the Mary and Recovery the 29th. of the same month; by which Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will see how hard a matter it is, notwithstanding the severity of your Orders, to keep your ships together till they arrive upon this Coast where the greatest Danger is to be expected; they pretend they were seperated by bad weather the night after they left the Cape, which in our opinion is not fully made out, but that is submitted to your Hon^{rs}. judgment when they return home, and their journalls are examind; this is most certain that if the French ships expected this year at Ponticherry had been arrivd before them their seperation might have provd the Loss of all.

Our part in yor. Honr's. orders relatg. to the Capts. keeping comp^{a}. shall be perform'd, but it is very difficult to make them do theirs, The Marlbro [&] Kent arriv'd ye. 24th. July the Mary & [R]ecovery ye. 29th. they pretend they were separated by bad weather off ye. Cape.

13. The Dartmouth has been carefully surveyd, and found to be in an extraordinary good condition, and as there is no doubt but she will come in Company with the Dutch Fleet, wee have endeavour'd to make her Cargo as considerable as wee could, she arrivd here from Persia the 7th. Au[gust as your] Hon^{rs}. will observe in our Consult^{ns}. Of the 11th. Ult^{o}. that the Freight and Demorage due [for ton]age is paid into your Cash.

The Dartmth. being in good Conditn. we have made her Cargo very rich.

14. Wee shall take Care for the future that all matters of dispute wth. your Captains (where the subject will bear it) shall be transacted in writing, for the reasons your Hon^{rs}. are pleasd to mention, but with submission we cannot think it becoming your Councill, to reply to the Captains in writing, unless it be by your possitive Orders, nor has it ever been the Custom of the place, that we can find upon record.

Matters of dispute wth. yr. Capts. shall be transacted in writing, Tho. it has never been customary.

15. Wee heartily wish the new measures your Hon^{rs}. have taken to prevent frauds in letting out your ships to freight for the future may prove as effectuall as you intend them, tho wee must beg leave humbly to offerr our opinion, that the Captains sitting and voting in Councill, upon the proposalls and Resolutions relating to his own ship, will rather increase than cure the evill, provided your servants have any intention to deceive You; for if the Captain differs from them in opinion, they will undoubtedly take care that he shall not put aboard one maund more than his privi[ledge] and then we are apt to believe he will be very indifferent whether his ship be lett out or no; w^{ch}. is humbly submitted to y^{r}. Consideration.

We are of opinion the Capts. setting & voting in Councill upon ye. freighting their own ships will have no great Effect in preventing frauds if any are intended by yor. servts.

The method of letting out ships upon freight recommended to the Bay is not practicable here.

16. The informations S^r. George Matthews has been pleasd to give your Hon^rs. concerning the employment of his ship the Great London are most undoubtedly true, and now you have been pleasd to give your Orders that your Ships shall be lett out in the same Manner, most certainly the Gentlemen in the Bay will think it their Duty to comply with them if possible, but wee must beg leave to represent that no such method is practicable here, because whenever we take up any of your ships for Suratt or Persia, it is at an uncertainty, and we must send them down to the Bay to seek for freight, because there are no goods of this Place [. . .] for Persia; this was the case of the Dartmouth last [Season] and those that freighted her, had the mortification [. . .] of the goods that were intended to be loaden upon [her were by in]direct means carryed away by Country [Ships] [thro]ugh [some of the] leading men of your Councill in the Bay [*a few words lost*] your Hon^rs. cannot suppose that [*a few words lost*] imprudent to risque his estate [*a few words lost*] hundred Tunns, when he co[uld] [*a few words lost*] the Dartmouth for the [same] *a few words lost* Body here from meddling with any of your ships bound on those Voyages for the future; because on the one hand we are liable to your censure for letting your Ships at under rates, and on the other hand, those that are concern'd in them run the risque of making a ruinous Voyage for the Reasons before mention'd, all depending intirely upon the freight procurable in Bengall, which is not to be had with out the interest of those that are at the head of your affairs.

Thrô indirect means of some of the Councill in the Bay the freighters of the Dartmouth were sufferers, the freight that offer'd having been diverted other ways, & wch. is a great hardship upon us here, they can do the same when they will, wch. discourages Us from freighting yor. ships.

The Gentlemen here have never freighted yor. Hon^rs. ships for China out[of] Choice, because they can send their stocks thither cheaper upon their own.

17. And now we are upon this subject we begg leave to say something concerning the China Voyage in which some of your Ships have formerly been employed, but not to your satisfaction; the Gentlemen of this place have never yett taken up one Ship for China by their own Choice, because they can always send their Stock thither at a greal deal less charge upon ships of their own; especially to Canton, from whence there has been of late years more profitt upon Gold than upon gruff goods, so that what ships of yours have been employ'd on that Voyage, were recommended to the Town by the Govern^r. and Councill because they lay upon their hands, & could not be dispatch'd for Europe, and wee dare now assure your Hon^rs: that the trading people of this place, will never ask one of your Ships for that service, nor ever take one to hire if they are tyed up by covenants to pay demorage in case they do not return hither time enuff to be dispatchd for Europe, for *that would ruine their voyage*, however as it is our Duty to study your Interest & follow your Orders, whenever we have any of your Ships upon our hands, more than we are able to dispatch, wee will state the Acco^t. in Consultation whether it will be most for your advantage to employ them upon such Voyage as offerr, or to lett them lie by till their Cargo is ready, & act accordingly.

And never will if they must be [ti]ed up to pay Demorage. However we will study yor. Int^st. in debates concerning ye. letting yor. ships or keeping them by us.

[Secret Com]mittee's orders will [be obeyd] we receive [. . . Bay] ye. [. . .] [. . . ye.] Board.

18. The Directions of the Secret Committee will be most punctually obeyd, as also your orders concerning salt petre, & whenever we receive any quantity from the Bay, we have directed the Warehousekeeper to open some of the bags, and report ye. quality of it to the Board.

19. Pursuant to your Orders we have inclosed in the flying Packet [an abs] tracted Invoice of what goods wee have receivd from the [. . .] last Season and what we have sent them in return, [. . .] of which is likewise in the grand Packett, and the same method shall be carefully observ'd for the future, [. . .] Directions concerning Arrack for S^t Helena.

It will be very convenient to

20. As to what your Hon^rs: are pleasd to observe concerning sol[u]diers sent to and frô for the preservation of your Estates when there are any of the

Enemys shipping in these parts, we humbly offer our opinion y^t. our Garrison Soildiers cannot be better employed, when your Factory[s] are in peace, their pay is the same at sea as ashore, Your Hon^rs: are at no extraordinary charge worth mentioning, in comparison of the service they are upon, and if the Captains give them their Diett we cannot see what more can be demanded of them, and if they should refuse to Diett them, there is no obligatory Article in Charter party to insist upon, and we should be loath to lett your Estate run any risque by a dispute of this Nature, thô we will never neglect any opportunity of lessoning your Expence.

send soldiers to & fro upon yor. ships when there is danger from those of our Enemys,

but if ye. Capts. refuse to diet them, we cant oblige them to it by Charter-party.

21. Wee believe your 25^th paragraph intended as an instruction [to us] in cases of the like Nature with the Rochesters, and shall observe it accordingly, but it seems a little strange to Us that they should be forced to give Soildiers off the Guard in Bengall, when English and Dutch Seamen are never wanting for our Country Shipping, & in greater numbers than we desire them; the Commanders of your Ships ought in Honour and justice to lay before You the true Reasons why they are so often unman'd and drove to such hard shifts to recruit when they are coming away richly laden with your Estates. We should swell this Letter to too great a Bulk in particularizing upon this affair, and therefore desire humbly to referr y[ou] to the Commander of this Ship, who had some of his men seduc'd away and conceald from him, by direct orders from some of your Servants, to be employd on an Expedition of their own to Maldiva, the Success of which will fall under another head.

The Reason why some ships going home from Bengall have wanted sev [ll] of their Complimt. is that some of yor. Servts. there have entic'd the men away to go upon a Maldiva Expedition.

22. On the 6^th of March last your ship President arrivd here from Bengall, with a Cargo as directed, and the season not being then proper for her proceeding to the West Coast, wee took all her goods ashore except Kintilage, some of which were design'd a[s] stores for this place; and on the 19^th of the same month arrivd ship Toddington Cap^t: Thomas Blow from Bencoolen, by whom we learnt the Death of your Dep^ty: Govern^r: Anthony Ettrick Esq^r., with the sad condition your settlements were in, an account of which will come in more properly under the Head of the West Coast the Thistleworth Cap^t. Small had taken in all the pepper they had got ready by the latter end of Jan^ry: so that not having where withall to load the Toddington for Europe, was the reason they sent her over hither; as soon as we could peruse the Letters, Books and papers that came by her, we took our Resolution to fill up y^e. President and dispatch her away with proper Orders and a supply of bale goods very much wanted, and to keep the Toddington here till May in expectation of some news from the Jane, and determind in case wee heard nothing of her by that time, to send some proper person from hence upon the Toddington to take the necessary care of your affairs; accordingly on the 12^th: Aprill the President was dispatchd, which is as soon as any ship bound that way ought to sail, that could not be dispatch'd by the middle of Feb^ry.

The arrivall of the Presi. dent from Bengall & how she has been disposd of,

also the Toddington's arrivall from Bencoolen wth. advices of yor. affairs there.

The Resolutions we came to thereupon.

23. On the 11^th of Aprill your Ship Darby Cap^t. Thomas Wotton Commander arrivd here from Bengall with Salt Petre & Stores, but having been detaind so late in the Bay, that the season for bad weather was come on, so that he got clear of the River with much difficulty, he was obligd to leave severall Boats of Rice behind that were designd to fill up the ship, some of which we understand since were cast away in the bad weather & their Cargoes lost so that the ship arrivd here two thirds full.

The arrivall of the Darby from Bengall but 2/3 loaden, wth. the Reasons why.

24. On the 12^th of May we receivd Letters from Surat advising y^e Arrivall of the Ships Litchfield, Mountague & Heathcote at Bombay the 6^th of Aprill, how or where they bestow'd their time so as not to gett thith^r sooner, we cannot give your Hon^rs. any certain Acco^ts; but undoubtedly the Generall & Councill will advise You; they could not well pretend any fear of the French, it being agreed on all hands that they went off the Coast in Decemb^r. for Mocho.

The arrival of ships Litchfield Mountague & Heathcote at Bombay.

by a Vessell from Batavia we learn that the Esther, Rochester and Thistleworth left Batavia in Febry. & ye. Howland Canton ye. same month.

25. On the 19th May the Ship Oxford belonging to the Merchants of this place arrivd here from Batavia, and brought advices that ye. Esther, Rochester and Thistleworth all left Batavia some time in Febry. bound for Europe and that they heard by a vessell from Macao that the Howland left Canton the latter end of Febry.

The arrivall of the Jane wth. Mr. Collet after having been taken by the ffrench at Rio Janeiro.

26. Your Ship Jane arriv'd here the 24th. May under the charge of Mr. Joseph Collett, and as your Honrs. must undoubtedly have had a *full Acco*t. of that ship's being shamefully surrendred to the French in Rio Janeiro, from those people that went directly home, upon the ffrench Squadron, and by what wee observe Mr. Collett wrote Your Honrs. October the 15th. 1711 from Rio Janeiro, Of which he deliverd Us a Copy; we will say no more [. . .] than to begg you'll please to be refer'd to our Consultation [. . .] the same Month, where we have enter'd at large the Examinations of Messrs. Collett, Yarborough & Capt. Wotton, which will give a full insight into the whole management of [that] affair, by which you suffer so considerably, not only in the Loss of your Effects, but in the disappointment to your West Coast affairs, wch. we dare answer will take quite another Turn upon Mr. Colletts arrivall & if the Jane had got thither last season, the necessary reformation had been so much sooner made.

Mr. Collet having drawn bills on yor. Honrs. for 3500 £ we have taken security of him for the said amot.

27. Upon Mr. Joseph Colletts producing a Copy of his Letter wrote your Honrs. from Rio Janeiro, by which we found he had drawn Bills of Exchange upon You for three thousand five hundred pound Sterling, we thought ourselves oblig'd to demand the ship and what she had on board her for security accordingly the goods were unladen into your warehouse, and a Committee of your Councill appointed to pütt a valuation upon them, according to the Invoices that came out last year, because the Jane's Invoice was sunk amongst the rest of the papers, and wee had no Copy of it by any other Ship, Mr. Collett declar'd that when he bought the Ship and Cargo of the French, he valued the goods belonging to your Honrs. at Fifteen Hundred pounds, which to the best of his remembrance was the amount of the foot of your Invoice, but when the Committee appointed to value the goods deliverd in their report, as your Honrs. may please to observe is enter'd after Consultation, dated the 2d. of June, we could make the Amount according to the English prizes no more than Twelve hundred sixty four pounds five shillings & ten pence, wherefore we thought it more your interest to bring Mr. Collett under Articles of Agreemt. as entered after Consultation dated the 16th of June, whereby we have secur'd the Amount of the Bills drawn being seven thousand seven hundred and seventy seven Pags. twenty eight fanams, to be paid into your Cash upon the sale of the Ship, and what belongd to her in private trade, deducting the value of the goods belonging to your Honrs. out of the said sum; this matter is largely expressd in our Consultations of the Latter end of May and beginning of June to which we beg your Honrs. will please to be referr'd and if we have err'd in any thing it is for want of having been conversant in cases of this Nature, of which not one of Us has ever seen an Example.

[Todd]ingtons Departture.

28. On the 17th of June the Toddington saild hence for Bencoolen, with your Deptv. Governr. &cs. and had gone eight days sooner but that he was *seiz'd* with a violent fever, which we all believ'd would have carryed him off.

The Vessell dispatchd from Ft. St. David for Batavia returnd here ye 27th. May wth. News of the Howland's

29. We advisd your Honrs. in the sixth Paragraph of your *generall* by the Avarilla, that wee had fitted out a sloop from Fort St. David for Batavia, with our Reasons for so doing, the said sloop returnd hither the 27th of May having left Batavia the beginning of Aprill, upon receiving advices that the Howland saild from Canton the latter end of Febry. and not being arrivd at Batavia it was concluded on all hands that she had taken her passage thro' the streights of Malacca; wee sent a small Cargo of long cloth and Sallampores upon this Vessell

to defray her Expences, the returns of which were made in arrack, & Gold, & will be found in your next Books under a particular Head kept for that purpose.

leaving Canton in Febry.

30. On the 7th. of June your Ship London Capt. William Upton arrivd here from Bombay in his way to Bengall, where he is consignd to take in freight for Surat, and saild hence the 12th. July, your Generall and Councill, did not think fitt to mention any thing of this affair to Us, however the ship being here we perswaded the Captain to take aboard a parcell of redwood for Kintilaging your ships in the Bay, where there was none remaining last season, and upon Capt. Upton's acquainting Us that his Orders are to stay no longer in Bengall than the 20th. of November, being apprehensive that the freight goods will not be come down by that time, wee have made a proposall to the Gentlemen in the Bay to load her up hither with rice for your Acco[t]. rather than lett her return empty, which is very scarce here, and will sell to great advantage, besides the benefitt to the place.

Yor. ship London arriving here [ye.] 7th June in her way to Bengall [wee] put aboard a parcell of Redwood, & proposd to the Bay, that [as] she cant. get freight by her limited time, to load her wth. [rice] for this place.

31. On the 5th. of July we dispatched your Ship Darby for Bengall with orders to touch at Vizagapatam with treasure and stores, and sent upon her a parcell of redwood, and three hundred bales of Callicoes, in part of payment for what bales sent up by her, we have since receivd advices over land that she arrivd Vizagapatam the 10th. of July; and had saild the 12th, but for advices from Ganjam that five large ships were seen off that place under ffrench colours, wherefore they thought it prudence not to lett her [go to, i.e.] Bay, till they could gett certain intelligence from Ballasore[. . .]but sent her to Ganjam, where she lay a few days, and by the [news] of our Tappy peons receiving speedy advices from Ballasore, that they were Dutch Ships bound to Bengall, she proceeded on her Voyage the 30th. of July.

The Darby saild for Vizagapm. & Bengall ye. 5th. July, wth. Treasure & Stores for that, Redwood & 300 bales for this place.

32. By your out ward bound Ships that touch'd at the Cape we learn the Tankerville, Bouverie and Hallifax saild in Company w[th]. the Dutch Fleet; that the Avarilla and Esther arrivd there after the Dutch were saild, and went in Company together for St Hele[na] the 11th of Aprill; that the Windsor Capt. Tovey arrivd there the 20th of December and saild a single Ship the first of Jan[ry]; that they left the St. George and Rochester at the Cape when they came away, but have no news of the Sherborne, Aurengzeb, Catherine and Thistleworth; we heartily pray that all the Ships may arrive well with you, but more especially the St. George whose Crew we hear was in very sad distraction, but hope the [Men] of Warr will apply an effectuall remedy to the evill.

We hear from the cape that the Tankerville, Bouverie & Hallifax saild thence in Compa. with ye Dutch ffleet- that the Avarilla, Esther & Windsor had been there & were gone, that the St. George & Rochester were there when ye Marlbro &ca came away but no news of the Sherborne Aurengzeb, Catherine & Thistlewth.

33. Your Ship Mary Captain Holden bound directly for Beng[all] arriv[s]. here, as we have before mentiond, the 29th of July, we demanded his reasons for the deviation from your Orders, in answer to which he deliver'd in a Consultation signd by his Officers a Copy of which comes in the Packett N°. 29, and is submitted to your Consideration; and the Gentlemen in the Bay having advisd us in their Letter of the 27th of Aprill that the Mint was shutt up, and no rupees to be had, so that the silver remaining by them is of no use towards an Investment, desiring Us in the same Letter to coin what silver arrives here and send it down in Rupees, we immediately landed the Marys Treasure and put it into the mint, and were obligd to open the Bengall packett for the Invoice, which matter being transacted in Consultation of the 29th of July and 1st of August, we humbly beg to referr You thereto, and having one hundred and twelve thousand Rupees ready

The Mary touching here in her way to Bengall we took ashore her Treasure to be coind into Rupees, persuant to our advices from Bengall, & she saild hence wth 112000 Rups. ye 6th Augst.

to come out of the Mint in three or four Days, we detaind the Mary to carry them Down, because none of the other ships could be unloaden and ballasted in any reasonable time, & we apprehended your affairs might suffer for want of a speedy supply; accordingly she saild the 6th of August, but we did not give the Capt: any Dispatches because he was consign'd directly to the Bay, and wee apprehended that the Owners might make some use of them, to insist upon Demorage for the time of his passage down.

We hear from Batavia that the [Stre]-tham & Herne saild thence [in] June for China.

34. By the Elizabeth Gally a small vessell belonging to this place that arrivd here the 8th. August from Batavia, we learn that the Stretham and Herne were well there in June, and saild about the middle of the month forward for China.

On the 27th Augst. we dispatch the Marlbro for Bengall wth 504000 Rups 121 Bales & the stores that came upon her for that place.

35. On the 27th of August wee dispatch'd the Marlborough for Bengall with seventy two Chests containing Five hundred & four thousand Rupees, one hundred twenty one bales of Callicoes, which compleats the Number they sent Us up by the Darby, and the stores that came out upon her invoic'd for Bengall.

We hear of an English ships arrivall at Judda wch. we take to be yeNathaniell, but [no] news of the Stringer Gally.

36. By the Mermaid that left Judda the 14th of July & arrived here the 18th of August, wee are advisd that there was an English Ship arrived at Mocho directly from Europe, which we take to be the Nathaniell, but have no particulars of ye Stringer Gally.

The Vessells belonging to this Presidency are the President, Rising Sun & Maddapollam.

37. In Obedience to your Commands we shall now give you a particular Accot: of the Vessells belonging to this Presidency; which are, the Ship President, the Briggantine Rising Sun, and Maddapollam Yatch; the President is now on her West Coast Voyage as beforemention'd, and Mr Collett carryed Orders with him to send her back immediately up on his arrivall there; The Rising Sun Briggantine we wrote in ours by the Hallifax went hence in Octor. was twelve month laden with Salt petre and Redwood for Bencoolen, with *Liberty for the* Deptv: Governr: and Councill to employ her a Trip to Batavia for Arrack and other stores; we have since receivd advices of her being well at Batavia, where she fitted and took in a Cargo, and arrivd safe back at Bencoolen, and by a generall Letter from York Fort dated the 22d. of June receiv'd by the Elizabeth Gally, they write us that having Receivd three hundred tubbs of Tea, sent them by Mr Charles Douglass Supra Cargo of the Rochester from Batavia, they had putt them on board the Rising Sun and dispatchd her hither the 19th day of May, which is now between three and four Months and no news of her, 'tis possible she may have been hauld into Tutocareen Bay, or that she may have missd Zelon and fallen to Leeward, but wee rather fear she is lost, because we have no manner of Advices of her either from the Bay or Zeloan; The Maddapollam Yatch has been employd these last twelve months between ffort St David and this place, in bringing bales & carrying grain & stores, and now We have sent her down with the last of the Monsoon to Vizagapatam to be clean'd fitted and return'd Us Loaden with grain, the Proffitt upon which will doubly pay her Expence.

An Accot. how they are severally employd at present.

These Vessells are not fitt for yor. service by reason of their heavy sailing, the most proper for this Coast are sloops of 50 or 60 Tonn that sail very

38. We must Confess that considering the Expence these Vessells have been at some years past, and the little Service they have done, it had been better to have sold them at first, and bought others fitter for your purpose, the Vessells that are proper for this Coast are Sloops of fifty or sixty Tunn that saile extraordinary well, so as to work up against the Monsoon, and can be manag'd by a few Lascarrs taken out of yor. Gunroom Crew; by means of their sailing we can keep 'em constantly employ'd so as to bear their Expences, and bring mony into your Cash, besides the benefit that may accrue to your affairs by sending speedy intel-

ligence to and fro as occasion may require, we had thoughts of building some such vessells at Pegue, but by the late mismanagement at that Port, things are brought to such a pass that it is much dearer building, than buying vessells after they are built, and brought over hither; whatever we do in this affair we shall carefully study your Interest, and endeavour to gett rid of y^e^ Vessells we now have on as good terms as possible, which are the very worst sailors in India, and consequently can never Ans[w^r^] your Hon^rs^. nor our Expectation.

well, wherefore we shall endeavour to get These & dispose of Those.

39. Cap^t^. Thomas Blow Commander of the Toddington requested his Charter-party mony in Consultation of the 7^th^. of Aprill & was paid three hundred Eighty three pag^s^. twelve fanams for which he gave three receipts, one of them was forwarded to York Fort to be sent home by the Packett of the said Ship, and Another we now send home in this Packett N°. 12, and the said Cap^t^. in our Consultation of the 7^th^. of June appear'd, and register'd as by list that comes in the Packett N°. 13.

Capt. Blow at his request was paid Pags. 383 : 12 his Charter-party mony.

40. Wee have paid the Surgeons of this years shipping their usuall gratuity of ten shillings a head for every Soldier landed here, & taken receipts from them, one of each is inclosd in y^s^. Packett N°. 14.

The surgeons of this years shipping were paid the usuall gratuity for the soldiers.

41. In our Consultation of the 26^th^. June Cap^t^. Thomas Wotton of the Darby register'd six bales of Bengall goods, as ℔ list that comes in the Packett N°. 15.

Cap^t^. Wotton registerd six Bales Bengall Goods.

42. On the 17^th^. Ult°. arrivd Ship John & Elizabeth from Gombroon, w^ch^. place she left the 19^th^. day of July, and brought advices that the Troubles at Ispahan still continue, and that the Dutch are in the same circumstances with Us, their Factory being shut up and no Body sufferr'd to go near them; On the same Day your Ships Kent & Recovery saild for Bengall with fifty eight chests containing four hundred and six thousand Rupees.

[On] the 17th. Ulto. we heard from Gombroon that ye. Troubles at Ispahan still continue.

[On] the same day ye. Kent & Recovery [saild] for Bengall wth 4,06,000 Rup^s^.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

43. The Complaints contain'd in your Hon^rs^. first two paragraphs under this Head, relate wholly to the Penman of the Letter therein mention'd, however believing they are intended to warn us from splitting upon the same rock, we shall endeavour to comply with all your Directions so perfectly, that we may receive no such marks of your displeasure, and in Order thereto, as well as to avoid swelling this Letter, we have drawn our Lists of demands for Manufactures and Stores in a more perfect maner than usuall, with all the necessary Remarks we can think of and particularly those that are order'd in your Letter.

We shall be more exact & full in our Lists of demands [for] the future accord^g^. to yor. Hon^rs^. Directions.

44. In Obedience to your Commands we shall lay before your Honours, the best Acco^t^. we can gett concerning the Consumption of Broad cloth and other Woollen Manifactures in the Mogulls Dominions. The course red & green broad cloth is cheifly us'd among the soldiers and ordinary Moor Men for saddles, saddle Cloths, sumpture cloths, covers, Beds and Cushions for Pallancheens Carpetts to sitt upon, Mantles to cover them from the Rain, and sometimes coverings for their tents of pleasure; the fine Broad Cloth as Scarlett, Aurora, some Blews & Yellows, is us'd for the inside of tents, for Vests or Mantles in the rainy season, Among the Great men, covering cloths for the Elephants and Hackarys, Cloths to hang round their Drums, for shoulder and waste Belts Scabbards to their swords and Jimdars or Daggers for slippers and for covers, Beds and Pillows for Pallankeens; The imboss'd Cloth is us'd to hang round the bottom on the inside of the great Mens tents three foot high, for spreadings to sit upon and Cushions

An Accot. how the Broad Cloth & other Wollen Manufactures are consumd in this country.

to lean against and for Cloths to cover the Elephants and Horses; Perpetuano's are only usd among the meaner sort of people for Caps, coats and covering cloths to sleep in during the Rains.

Nine tenths of the woollen manufacture is vended among the Moors.

45. And now we are upon this Subject, we must inform your Hon^rs^. that at least nine tenths of the woollen Manifacturs Vended in these parts is among the Moors, the Gentues making very little or no use of them, the greatest Consumption is in the Mogulls Camp, which when at Lahore or Delhy is supplyd wholly from Suratt and Persia; but when at Agra, Partly from Suratt, and partly from Bengall by way of Patna, from which Ports the Conveyance to the Camp is easy and safe, but what is disposd of hereabouts, is, dispersd among the Nabobs flying Armys in this Cornatta Country, Vizapore and Golcondah, seldom reaching so farr as Aurengabad, because the carriadge is very chargeable, and the Roads are difficult & Dangerous to pass, when King Shaalem came down to Golcondah w^th^. his Army in the year 1708, to destroy his Brother Cawne Bux, we immediately found a Quicker vent than Ordinary for our Broad Cloth, and indeed for all other sorts of Goods consum'd among them and when Dowd Cawne was formerly Nabob of these parts, he allways kept a good Body of Horse in pay, which oblig'd the Neighbouring Governours to do the same, being allways jealous of each other, And among those Horsemen much the greatest quantity of our Broad cloth then imported was consum'd, the trade from this place to their Camps being very considerable; but now our Duan who is Suba of All this Country seldom keeps above five hundred horse w^th^. him and the Government in Generall being grown much weaker than in Aurengzebs time, none of the great men keep up the number of Horse allowd by the King, but apply the mony to their own use and this has brought a considerable damp to our trade in Generall, but more especially upon the sale of your Manifactures, for we have not only lost the Camp trade, but the roads are become impassible for want of these horsemen to scour them as usuall, so that the Merchants are discouragd from coming down with their mony and Diamonds to buy up and carry away our Europe and other goods as formerly, and we cannot see any likelyhood of better times till the Government is well settled, and some active man employd in the Government of these Parts.

The Reasons of the Decay of ye. woollen manufacture Trade, &ca. in these parts.

We have taken the Broad Cloth off the Merchts. hands at Ft. St. Davd. and agreed w^th^. ours here for the same, with the reasons that induced us thereunto.

46. We acquainted your Hon^rs^. in ours by the Avarilla that we had then delivered no more than One hundred & Fifty bales of the Broad Cloth that came out last year, to your Fort S^t^. David Merchants in part of their Contract; we are now to add that it was the 23^th^. Feb^ry^. before we could perswade them to take two hundred bales more, tho' we were considerably in their Debt, and having waited patiently till the 12^th^. of May last we began to consider that we had upwards of four hundred bales upon our hands, and the Merchants one hundred and fifty bales remaining unsold of what we had deliver'd them, at the same time we observd that the goods came in very slowly upon the Fort S^t^. David Contract the Merchants having advanced all the mony they were able, and could proceed no further with this weight of Broad Cloth upon their hands undispos'd of, wherefore we found ourselves under an absolute necessity of releasing them from their Contract, and prevaild w^th^. our own joynt Stock Merchants to take the cloth into their hands, who are indisputably best able to vend the quantity, and keep up the price, being men of good Substance that can stay for their mony, and carry on your Investments at the same time, besides as they are the persons that introduc'd the vent of such large quantitys at so good a rate, they are perfectly well skill'd in all the methods of putting it off with expedition; had we not fallen into these measures it would have been impossible for Us to have complated this Ships Loading, and we should have had six hundred bales of manifacture upon our hands when this year's shipping arrivd, likewise your Fort S^t^. David Merchant's would have been utterly ruin'd, and unable to serve you for the future; whereas now as soon as we had cleard them of the Cloth and supplyd them with mony, they went currantly on with their Investment, and we have receivd between five and six hundred bales from them, towards loading of this Ship, so that all partys are satisfyed, and your business goes currantly on.

The Effect it has had upon yor. Affairs.

47. We cannot (in answer to your Hon^{rs}. 39th. paragraph) be able to tell you how the new Sortments will sell, till the Jan^{ry}. Shipping, only we may venture to assure You, that there are more medlys come this year, than we shall be able to sell in Two at Invoice price, being there is no vent for them any where but among the Europeans by the Yard, except a peice now and then by Accident for some great Man in the Country.

We cannot till Janry. tell how the new Sortment will go off only there are twice too many Medleys.

48. The Colour now most in demand both here and in the Bay, for course Cloth in Popingay green of which we sent Patterns with our last years lists, and provided there are no deep greens, the people here make little or no distinctions among all the rest; it is about two years that green has been growing into demand, and since the Cloths of that Colour cannot be preserv'd from the worm above a twelve month, we are all ways glad to gett rid of them, so that when this years shipping arrivd, what we had left on our hands were all reds, and our case will be the same the next year, w^{ch}. is the reason we have demanded so many greens to help them off and we are of opinion this Humour among the Moors will hold, not only because it is a favourite Colour, but because the Die is so much better than the Red.

Popingay green is the Colour now in demand & likely to continue so, the rest will go off pretty well too if no deep greens among them.

49. When your new President arriv'd here, and came to dispatch the Bouverie he had occasion to call for the List of Europe Goods demanded the former Year, which was found with much difficulty, and just y^{e} counterpart of what describd in your Hon^{rs}. 38th. Paragraph; we could not forbear taking notice of it and the Warehousekeep^{r}. was directed to draw the next more perfect, but we did not think there was any necessity of being so very particular as your Hon^{rs}. now direct, because as we then advis'd You, your Merchants take all by Invoice adding so much per Cent Profit to the foot of the acco^{t}. and as they sometimes receive three or four hundred bales at a time without opening one, unless there is some appearance of Damage, we cannot think it prudence to lett them into any nice distinctions, which would occasion their Cavilling hereafter in hopes to beat down the price, whereas they now take all the Reds, Greens, Scarletts and Aurora's that are sent, without any Trouble.

Our Warehsekr. was the last year directed to be more perfect in ye. List of demands, but we did not think it necessary to be so particular as yor. Honrs. now direct. The reasons why.

50. However they find fault this Year that the cloth in generall is worse than it us'd to be, we would have stopd their Complaints by telling them tis cheaper than Ordinary according to your Hon^{rs}. 33rd. Paragraph, but they keep so good a Register of all they have bou[ght] from the beginning, that looking into the Invoices by the Sommers and Fleet Friggat Anno 1704 at their Request, we find great part of the Popinjays invoicd at seven pound, seven pound ten & fifteen shillings, and reds by the Fleet Friggat particularly from seven pound five to nine pound, which the Merchants do assure Us were full as good for their purpose as what come now, tho' they think it was not altogether so thick.

Our Merchts: complain this year that ys. Cloth in generall is worse than usuall, we told them it was cheaper, but upon looking backwards it appears otherwise.

51. Since your Honours are pleas'd to order Us to make our Remarks upon what you have sent Us this Season, we humbly offer that in our Opinion the Scarlett and Aurora Dies are worse, and the Cloth Courser than usuall; that Tailors Reds by the Marlbrô thô charg'd as high as Others, are much worse both in cloth and Colour, as your Hon^{rs}. may please to see by the Patterns return'd in the Packett marked N°. 1 A there is likewise a very considerable difference among y^{e}. Popinjays, thô the price is much the same; we are not skilfull enuff to determine whether the Difference arises from the Dieing, pressing, packing or other workmanship; but this we are sure of that if our Merchants once come to be inquisitive, the inequality of the Cloth will occasion endless disputes.

The Scarlet & Aurora Dies are worse & ye. Cloth courser than usuall. Tailors Reds are bad tho' as dear as the rest as ℔ patterns returnd. There is likewise great difference in the Popingays tho' ye. price much ye. same.

52. Those that buy the Broad cloth of Us, sell it again up in the Country by the peice, so that if it should be stretch'd in England as your Honours propose (which we conceive would make it worse in quality and less in Repute) yet you would reap no benefitt thereby, unless you please to invoice it by the yard instead

Stretching the Cloth will of no advantage to Yor. Honrs'

[. . .] he came ℔ Marlbro a muster of a Bale of Midleys, but no such bale aboard no mentiond in the Invoice.

of the peice; we find among the Musters sent Us this year a paper wrote Upon No B Marlbrô containing six Musters of Midleys numbred from 1 to 6 but no such Bale came upon the ship, nor is it mentiond in the Invoice.

We will endeavour that your writing work may be better done for the future but care must be taken at home who are sent abroad.

53. We read the just complaints in your 44th. paragraph with great concern, and will use our utmost endeavours that your writing work may be better done for the future, 'tis true we have a great many hands in your service but very few that can perform so well as your Honrs. seem to expect, which makes Us [fear] that some of their petitions deliverd into Court are wrote for them, or else your Honrs. would judge them fitter to go to the writing schooll than to be sent out hither.

Our Merchts. wond not take off y. Gold & Silver thread, so that we were obligd to sell it at outcry, and it still remains in town & wth. wt. sent this season is enuff to last three years.

The finest does best here being fittest to weave in Muslin.

54. We endeavourd to perswade your joynt Stock Merchants to take off the Gold and Silver thread that came out last year at so much ℔ Cent upon Invoice but the quantity was so large they did not care to meddle, and we were at last forced to sell it at publick sale, when the Town was fullest of people, an Accot. of the sale comes in the Packett, by which your Honrs. will see what it produc'd those that bought it have it all upon their hands, and with what come this year, which cannot be sold to much advantage at present, there is enuff in Town for three years, besides 'tis very apt to tarnish by lying, and our Batavia Ships bring a great deal yearly, which they buy near as cheap as ours is Invoic'd from England, and the Colour is much better, the very finest thread does here best in proportion, being used chiefly to weave in Muslin; and now we have told your Honrs. how the case is, we submitt to your judgment whether You will please to send any more or not for the present.

We sold at ye. same Outcry Remntts. in ye. Warehouse wch. were so worm eaten that they produced very little. we shall take care for ye. future to sell all off before 'tis so spoilt.

55. We likewise sold at the same outcry, all the old Remnants in the Warehouse, some of which had lain many years and were so worm eaten that they produced little or nothing; we shall take due care for the future that nothing lies by so long as to perish but will take the opportunity when most Shipping is here to sell off all the remnants to the best advantage.

We now demand a Supply of Lead having little by us. & shall use Pegue Lead for the Service of the Garrison.

56. We have now no Europe lead on our hands but what came by the June, which is the Reason we now demand a supply for ye. Year 1714 and whereas Pegue lead is allways considerably cheaper than Europe, We shall for the future use no other in your Garrisons, because it does the business altogether as well.

We rec'd parcell of Tin by ye. Toddington wch. we woud have sent to Surat but opportunity not offering we sent it to the Bay by ye. Derby.

57. We receivd a parcell of tin by the Toddington from ye. West Coast which they Write Us came out upon the Thistleworth and was intended to have been putt on board the Surat Ships at Sea, had there been an opportunity, we would gladly have sent it to Surat [as] being the best Markett, but the Season did not serve, and therefore we shipd it on the Darby for Bengall, and suppose they will sell it there if a good price offers, and if not they have a good opportunity of sending it by the London to Suratt.

Accot. sales of ye. Corall, that coud not be sent

58. Your President could not send You a perfect Accot. sales of the Corrall last year because it was not all sold, thô he took up the Mony at Interest to make the Returns, but he hopes the Accot. sales by this Packett will meet with your

approbation, there are abundance of Corrall beeds come from Surat and Persia this Season, which have lower'd the price of most sorts twenty five ℔ Cent.

perfect last year comes this. The price thereof is much lowerd by the importations from Surat & Persia.

59. The Acco^{t}. Coinage of Gold by Ships Marlbrô and Recovery comes in the Packett N°. 20, by which your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe that y^{e}. whole parcell comes out better than invoic'd, and the Moidoes does best of all in proportion.

Accot. Coinage of Gold ℔ Marlbro & Recovery comes in ye. Packet, it produces better than Invo.

60. Of the Looking glasses that came this year one of the finest is broke, and the rest will be spoild before they can be sold, for there is no manner of Demand neither for them nor the glass ware, wherefore we desire you will please to send no more.

One of ye. looking glas ses sent this year is broke & no demand for ye. rest.

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTM^{TS}. IN INDIA.

61. Wee shall have due reguard to the List your Hon^{rs}. have sent Us for goods to be provided, as well as to all your former Orders, relating to this Head, and whenever the times will admitt of any Abatements, we will not fail to lay hold of the opportunity, one good point is already gaind by keeping the Merchants to their musters, and we are pretty well assur'd your Hon^{rs}. will find a very sensible Difference between the Goods of this place, that come upon the Dartmouth, and what have come for severall years past, and we heartily wish we could say the same of Fort S^{t}. David.

We shall duly regard the Lists sent us, & make abatem^{ts}. when opportunity will admit, One good point is gaind in keepg. the Merch^{ts}. up to their Musters.

62. The mistakes in the Hernes Invoice will be rectfy'd in the Answer to the Accomptant's Letter and wee are very sorry for y^{e}. Just reasons you have had to Complain of the Package, especially at this Place, but the neglect has been so great in the Ware house that the packers have been suffer'd to pilfer part of the surplices and tear them so short that they are unserviceable, this abuse was discover'd some months ago and the Offenders have been severely punish'd, and whereas we have now order'd that each Embaler shall see the days sortment pack'd up before he stirrs, Your Honours will know whom to blame if the goods are not pack'd as they should be, we have wrote to Vizagapatam concerning their Package at two Pag^{s}. ℔ Bale, to which they make an Apology in their answer N°. 151 dated the 9th. August too tedious to incert here, but we have since wrote them y^{t}. is not satisfactory.

We have taken measures to amend the Errors in package [so] justly complaind of

We wrote to Vizagapm. concerning ye. dearness of their Package.

63. Your Orders concerning the Fort S^{t} David bales are communicated to the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. & Councill, we are of opinion that the yellowness of the Cloth proceeds from it's being ill cured and wash'd, for we observe their Cloth is never nigh so well washd as ours, and have us'd our utmost endeavours to have it better done for the future; when they are in a hurry to dispatch a Ship, the washers are forc'd to work night and Day, and the work is sadly slubber'd over, which makes Us believe it would be better to send you Brown Cloth upon a push, than that which is ill cur'd, and will never look well in the Eye of the buyer, but about this matter we shall wait your further Directions.

The Yellowness of the Ft. St. David Cloth proceeds from its being ill [cur'd] when the washers are in hurry. It is better in our opinion to send you brown Cloth than wt. is ill washd, but shall wait yor. further orders.

64. M^{r}. Fraser's Speculations concerning Investments in his Letter by the Frederick were not extraordinary well ffounded, when he complains of a Combination, for he must be a weak man that sits at the Head of your Affairs here, and cannot tell what a peice of Cloth will stand the Merchant in that makes it, which is certainly the best rule to go by in a Contract, since it is your Hon^{rs}.

An opinion of Mr. Frasers relating to Investments controverted.

Intention no doubt that your Merchants should be reasonable gainers by doing your business, and that your business should be done as cheap and as well as time and Circumstances will allow of; so that if the Merchants are in a Combination to insist upon more than is reasonable, your servants must be combin'd with them if they cannot find means to break it, but as long as they combine together (that is we mean y^e^. joint Stock Merch^ts^.) To serve You as well and Cheaper than any body else will do, we must be oblig'd to support them, if we will have your business done as it should be.

Contracting wth. ye. Merchts. is a surer way to provide for yor. Shiping than to buy up Goods of any one that offers for ready mony tho we shall not neglect the latter when opportunity admits.

65. Your Hon^rs^. are pleasd to say in the 50^th^. paragraph why don't we observe the Orders formerly sent, to be buying up goods all the year long, of them who would serve Us best and cheapest; Wee humbly offer to your consideration that if we should go that way to work instead of Contracting, we could never be at any certainty for the Dispatch of your Shipping; we should be very unworthy Servants if we at any time neglected buying up goods w^th^: ready mony when they can be had better and cheaper than your Merchants bring them in upon Contract, but we have had no such opportunity hitherto, nor is there any likelyhood of it till the Country is under better Government; The Gentlemen that come home upon these Ships must be so just as to say, that no private Man can invest so sure, so well and so cheap as we do at present; nor can any of our European Neighbours ou[t] doe Us, whilst we keep your Merchants up to their Musters.

Upon examining ye. old Compas. Invoices & Books we find the course goods were then cheaper but the fine dearer. The reasons why goods have risen.

66. We have been examining the old Companys Invoices and generall Books pursuant to your Hon^rs^. directions for the prizes of those times, and we find upon comparing that thô the course goods were considerably cheaper, the fine were much dearer in the same Contract; there are two Substantiall Reasons why the prizes of goods have risen for some years past; first the Dutch Investments and ours have been much more considerable since the year 1696 than ever they were before; and secondly the oppressions of the Moors have Annually encreasd in all these parts ever since the Conquest of the Country, which was not compleated till abo^t^. the year 1692, and since that time so many Juncans have been sett up all round about Us where the Cloth is made, then the Merchants are Oblig'd to pay when they pass their Goods, and this is an inconveniency no way to be remedied; however nothing shall be wanting on our parts to reduce the prizes of your Investm^ts^. as low as possible.

for the dis: patch of the Avarilla we obliged ye. Merchts. to compleat a contract made by Mr. Addison rather than enter upon a new one. but for the Loading this ship we came to a new Agreemt.

67. In our Letter by the Avarilla we acquainted your Hon^rs^: that finding your Merchants had not compleated the Contract made with Govern^r^. Addison, which was upon cheaper terms than we had hopes of bringing them to, considering the dearness of Cotton and Grain, we thought it more advisable to call upon them for y^e^. remainder of that Contract towards the Avarilla's Loading than to Enter upon a new one, but when that Ship was dispatch'd we were obligd without Loss of time to privide for this September Ship: accordingly in our Consultations of the 14^th^. 17^th^. 18^th^. & 21^st^. of January your Hon^rs^: may please to observe the steps made towards an Agreement, the quantity agreed for, and the unfeignd Reasons why we could not do it cheapr.

We have attempted to divide yor. Joynt Stock Merchts. into two setts in hopes of getting goods cheaper but they declare it will be an impedimt. in Business both on their part & ours and to end all disputes we were oblig'd to

68. Your present sett of Merchants are half of the Right & half of the Left hand Cast, as they were United by M^r^. Addison upon his coming to the Government; however before we consented to this Contract, we made an Essay to divide them in hopes they would have vied with each other who should do your business best, or we should have ventur'd to sett up either side alone, that would have undertaken to serve you cheapest; but tho' they disagree in y^e^. business of their Casts, they were so honest and sincere in this case as to declare, That if they divided they should only encrease the price of goods to their own detriment, that neither of them apart, had stock enuff to carry on the business without having money advanc'd them, and that they would rather choose to bring in the goods from the looms, and deliver them at price they bought them, if we would only allow common interest for their mony; this method we apprehend^d^. would

involve Us in Endless troubles & Disputes, and therefore we chose rather to advance them 5 ℔ Cent for a thousand bales in consideration of the unusuall difficultys they have to struggle with, and your Hon^{rs}: shall see that when these Difficultys cease, we can as easily reduce the prizes to what they were before and may be lower.

advance them 5 ℔ Ct. wch. we doubt not to reduce agn.

69. We are very well satisfyed that the Merchants would not have insisted so strenuously for an Abatement, but that they found we were resolved to keep them strictly to their Musters, for they would very gladly have deliverd Us the Cloth your Hon^{rs}. have so often complaind of at the usuall prizes; which in our humble opinion was at least ten ℔ Cent worse than what we now send you, and since we have now brought them to work the Course cloth well, we reckon it a great point gaind, and shall be carefull not to loose our ground.

The reasons why ye. Merchts. insitst on an abatemt. is because we keep them so strictly to muster.

70. Wee have formerly given our reasons why we could not get the Chay goods you have been pleasd to demand made at Metchlepatam at any reasonable Rates; we have since endeavour'd to encourage some of the Weavers removing thence to Vizagapatam, but that Country is at present in so much confusion that there is no security for them, our last shift was to gett people from Pullicat, and endeavour to make these Chay goods here; the root we can easily have in abundance, but the water is the main Article, and some extraordinary skill in fixing the Chay so as not to wash easily out; wee have made severall trialls of which the first not proving to our Expectations, we did not agree for any considerable quantity, nor shall we presume to venture till the goods can be made better and cheaper, or till we receive your further orders upon triall of w^{t}. we now send, which is only a small quantity of every sort that can be manifactur'd here, except the Romalls which being as good as the Metchlepatam musters and as cheap, we have venturd to send as many as we could gett, tho not the quantity order'd in y^{r}. List.

We have formerly told Yor. Honrs. why we coud not procure the Chay goods of Metchlepm. we have therefore attempted to get them done by Paliacat people but finding them not to answer except in the Romalls, we have only sent a small qt. of the rest for a tryall at home.

71. We have procur'd a parcell of fine Sallampores fit for painting and may take the Liberty to say, the Chints we now send, are much better done than any you have formerly had, and we hope your. Hon^{rs}. will like them so well as to encouraage the Manifacture by further Demands; We have procur'd abundance of painters from the Dutch Settlement at Sadrassapatam, and shall give them such encouragement as will keep them from ever returning thither again.

We now send some Chints, done upon Sallampores wch. we hope yors. will like so well as to encourage yt. Manufacture.

72. We advisd your Hon^{rs}. by the Avarilla that your Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam had wrote Us that they could procure a sett of Merchants at Dasheroon, which is an excellant Country for cloth near Maddapollam to contract for an Investment of Fifty thousand Pagodas, upon very reasonable terms considering the goodness of the Cloth, we could not refuse complying with such an advantageous proposall, and accordingly wrote them to come to an Agreement under severall restrictions, and cautions, as your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe in our Letter N°. 17 dated the 14th Feb^{ry}. & on the 18th. March following we rec'd advises, that they had agreed with the said Dasheroon Merchants for thirty thousand Pag^{s}. according to the Musters then sent Us, which upon viewing appeard to be incomparably good, such as we assure Y^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will never think you have too much of, and therefore we immediately sent away mony to further so good a work, and M^{r}. Thomas Faucett third of Vizagapatam, was sent to Ingeram in the Dasheroon Country to receive and sort the goods, & send y^{m}. to Vizagapatam or hither as the winds may serve, we have not as yet receivd any thing upon this Investment, but hope to send you a sample before this Ship is dispatch'd and y^{e}. remainder in Jan^{ry}. together with what we have agreed for at Vizagap^{m}.

According to wt. wrote yor. Honrs. by the Avarilla concerning the Dasheroon Cloth, we have contracted for 30,000 Pags. and the Cloth is so good that we believe you will be glad to have as much as you can of it.

73. Upon a complaint made to Us by your joynt Stock Merch^{ts}. in June last that they were not able to carry on your Business according to our Expectations, if the Gentlemen at Fort S^{t}. David continued to take in Cloth so much worse than Muster which occasions the Weavors at Worriarpollam (where both setts make

Our Merchts. complaining that bad cloth being taken in at Ft. St. David

was a hindrance to them in getting good, we veiwd some of their bales then by us & finding them as represented, we reprimanded yor. Servts. there.

part of their Long Cloth and Sallampores) to weave a great deal worse than Ordinary, we found ourselves obligd to open and veiw what Fort S^{t}. David Goods we had in the Godowns, which was done the 25th June in Consultation, & M^{r}. Phillip Baker being then here we summon'd him to see that our remarks were just and true, we humbly referr your Hon^{rs}. to y^{e}. said Consultation for the particulars, and to our Letter N^{o}. 83, dated 6th July, wherein we have very plainly laid their faults before them, and assur'd them that if they do not sort better for the future, they must expect no favour from your Hon^{rs}. or Us.

The Ft. St. Dd. Merchts. petitiond to be on the same footing wth. ours as to Custom & Dustore wch. we have not yet granted because their Cloth has been worse than it ought to be; but given them so hopes upon compleated a large investmt. for Jan^{ry}. next.

74. Your Fort S^{t}. David Merchants petition'd Us on the 22^{d} July to putt them on the same footing with ours as to Custom & Dustore upon bringing in their goods, we have made the best enquiry we can into these Articles pursuant to your Hon^{rs}. Directions, in your Letter by President Harrison, and cannot find them to be other than Notionall advantages, which the Merchants make an allowance for before they contract, and consequently you have your goods so much the dearer, so that they are the Debtors and your Revenues have a Notionall Credit, what makes these people so earnestly desire an alteration is only a punctilio of Credit, that they may be upon the same terms with our merchants here, however we have not yet granted their request, because their goods have been so much worse than they ought to be, but we have given them some hopes of relief, in case they will contract for a considerable investment ready for Jan^{ry}. on reasonable terms, and bring in their goods conformable to muster, this matter is enterd at large in our Consultation of the 22^{d} July, and our Letter to Fort S^{t}. David N^{o}. 94 dated the 23^{d}. of the same month.

Upon Comlaint of our Merchts. we have been obligd to prohibit some very ill made cloth being brot. into town in consida. of the Consequences laid before Us. & send you a muster of such Cloth.

75. We must not omitt to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that when y^{e}. Manilha Ships were ready to depart hence, Callicoes were so scarce & dear that people bought up any thing they could lay their hands on at extravigant rates, which occasion'd the weaving and bringing in of such bad cloth, that our Merchants declar'd they were not able to carry on your investment, unless a remedy was apply'd to this evill, where upon we found ourselves obligd to prohibit any such cloth from passing the Choultry for the future, which might be a greivance to some particular people, but that we think ought not to come in Competition with your interest, and not knowing but that the persons who think themselves aggreiv'd may complain of the hardship done them, we send by this Ship a peice of the foremention'd Longcloth in a parcell by itself, incerted in the close of the Invoice.

hearing from Bengall that they shall not be able to do wt. yor. Hon^{rs}. expect we are providing as many gruff goods as possible & hope to load two Ships in Jan^{ry}. & Feb^{ry}.

76. Finding by Letters from the Bay that the warrs will prevent their getting in a sufficient quantity of goods, to load so many Ships as you expect, we are setting all manner of Engines to work to procure as large quantity of gruff goods as possible, and if they can but send Us salt petre, of which we have now remaining but enuff for one Ship, we hope we shall be able to load two Ships by the beginning of Feb^{ry}. one of which may be dispatchd so early as to have a chance of reaching the Dutch Fleet at the Cape, we cannot depend upon the Howland because she is a missing Ship, nor upon the Stretham because its odds whether she arrives in time or not, and therefore we have propos'd to your President & Councill in Bengall either to send their Ships to fill up here because of the Salt petre, or to send Us up such Ships in December as they shall not be able to employ if the Rising Sun should happily arrive wth. the three hundred Tubs of Tea, they would be a great help to our Tonnage.

Fourthly Touching the Trade of India in Generall & therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

77. We wrote your Hon^{rs}. in our last years Letters that the trade of India in generall was in a decaying condition, and we are sorry [to] Add that this present Year has been the worst that Madrass ever knew, the Stocks sent to China as we said in the beginning of this Letter are but half return'd, our Siam Ship makes less than principle, one of our Ships that went to Jahore had part of the

Stock plunderd by the King, and part forcibly seiz'd by y^e^. Dutch at Malacca, our good friends & Allies; the Manilha Ships brought Us little or no Silver, so that we could not drive the Trade to China, Malacca, Achin, Junck Ceylon & Quedah where we usd to trade considerably, are now grown places of so much villainy and Corruption, that the hazard is much too great for the little or no proffitt, the Armenians & Moors flock in such great Numbers to Pegue that the trade is overdrove, no body having seen their principle this Year, and the joynt Stock sett up by Govern^r^ Addison is utterly ruind; in Bengall goods were twenty ℔ Cent dearer than Ordinary last Year, and the hardships we labour under as mention'd in our Letter by the Avarilla are so great, that not one Pagoda Profit was made between that port and this last Season; We have no trade to the West Coast, and that to Batavia and the Eastern parts is totally lost; our Ships to Bengall and Surat returnd with ten ℔ Cent Loss upon their principle, having been forcd to bring back the greatest part of their Goods, the Persia Ships one with another will come out but very indifferently and the Ship to Judda makes about five ℔ Cent, this is the real state of our trade at present, and thô for the encouragement of it we have done so much that your Customs are as considerable as they were heretofore, yet we dare venture to affirm, that the town in generall have not seen five ℔ Cent in an Averrage upon all the Voyages of this last Season, which is but poor profit considering the risque we run; however we live in hopes to see better times when a Generall peace is concluded, for the Trade of the Red Sea and Persia, and consequently that of Surat has been gradually decaying ever since the beginning of the war.

Shewing how & wherein the trade of India in Generall is so much decayd of late years.

However we have done so much for y^e^. encouragem^t^ of Trade that your customs are as great as ever.

78. On the 3^d^. of Aprill last we receivd. advices by way of Golcondah that King Shaalem died at Lahore on the 17^th^ Day of February, after very few Days Sickness, and most people are of opinion that he was poison'd, all his four sons being present when he died, immediately put themselves at the head of their friends to dispute the Empire; Azamodeen the Second of the four who had the Government of Bengall many years, where he amassd vast Treasures, was much more powerful both in men & mony than any of the other three, for which reason Zulphakur Cawn the Vizier, who (as we have formerly wrote your Hon^rs^.) was entirely in the interest of Muzzoodeen the eldest Brother, found means by fair promises to unite the Elder with the two younger Brothers against Azamoodeen, a verball Agreement being made between them, that Raphael Kudder the third Brother should have the Kingdom of Cabull, & Ckojusta Acktar the fourth, the Kingdom of Decan; upon these terms they joyn'd their Armys, and fought a bloody battle with their second Brother, in which after a stout resistance, he and his eldest son were slain; Muzzoodeen having gaind so compleat a victory and being proclaimd King, the two younger Brothers sent to him to make good their Agreem^t^. by a Phirmaund, that they might depart to their severall Kingdoms, to which he returnd Answer (as tis said by the advice of Zulphakur Cawn) that he was ready to put them in possession of their severall Governments, but that he would reserve to himself the stamp of all mony coind in his reign, & y^e^. Duroy, for which we have no word in English, but the sense of it is, that he would retain a Supream power and Command over them; these new terms enrag'd the two younger Brothers to such a Degree, that they immediately joynd their Forces, and invited the Elder to a Battle, declaring that they would be either real Kings or die in the Dispute; in this second Battle, fell the two younger Brothers & their Sons, after a very sharp engagement; & tis said that if the youngest Brother who was a very valiant Prince had not been kill'd by a chance shott just as he had surrounded the Eldest, he had taken him prisoner and won the Battle; Zulphakur Cawne having been the main instrument in promoting the Interest of Muzzodeen & be [haved] himself with wonderfull Courage in both battles [. . . im]mediately confirm'd Prime Vizier and [. . . un]usuall Honours, one of which was perm[anent . . .] seat in the Kings presence; as soon as [. . .] Governm^t^. he slew severall great Omrahs [. . .] his Brothers interest & imprison[d . . .] march'd with his Camp to [a few words lost] disgusted most of the gre[at] [a few words lost Honours done to Zulphakur Cawn.

An accot. of Muzzoodeen the Eldest Sons Succession to the Throne of this Empire Upon the Death of K^g^. Shaallum his Father, who is supposd to have been poisond.

Furruckseer 2d. son of Azemodeen ye. late Kg's 2d. son sets up for the Throne.

79. Azemodeen upon leaving Bengall to go to his father Shaalems Court, left the Government of that Kingdom in the hands of his Second son Farrackseer, who no sooner heard the Death of his Father, but he immediately sett up for himself, raising forces and coining mony in his own name, and endeavourd to sieze upon the Kings Treasure in possession of the Duan, but we do not hear he has yet Effected it; the last advices we had from Bengall were dated the 26th. of July, and gave Us an Accot. that he was then at Patna with a considerable Army where he waits for Muzzoodeens son, who is marching against him, and they were in hopes the affair would be decided before the rains were set in, but that we believe is impossible.

The Effects these revolutions have upon trade &ca.

80. These Revolutions have stopd the Mint and all Trade in the upper parts of Bengall. Mr. Hedges and the Dutch have retird from Cassimbuzzar to Calcutta, and our Gentlemen at Patna have seald up their Doors and retird to Singy but the Dutch Cheif happening to die, the Prince has siezd upon all their Effects amounting to a very considerable sum; our boats that were bound up to Patna return'd immediately back when they heard the news, and all the Country is in the utmost Confusion and so little prospect of growing better that the President & Councill write Us in their last letter, that they are not sure of dispatching one Ship.

We hear from Golcondah & Bombay that ye. New Kg. Muzzodeen is poison'd.

81. Within these few days we have receivd fresh advices from Golcondah that ye. new King Muzzoodeen is poison'd, and that many of the great men were gone over to the Interest of Farrackseer, we have the same news from your Generall and Councill of Bombay by a Ship that saild thence the 19th. of August and arrivd here the 5th. ultO., this news wants confirmation, but we shall know the truth before the close of this Letter.

82. These sudden alterations of Government create a great deal of disturbance in the Country, all the great men being at Liberty to ra[vage] and do what they please, in so much that there is no travelling [. . .] wth. safety, no part of the Mogulls Dominions is [. . .] but God knows how long it will continue, for the [. . . . .] a]ctive man that minds nothing but mony, & [. . .] Rjahs will rise up against him in revenge for the ill Treatment they have recd at his hands.

We wrote yor. Honrs. concerning ye. 5 villages granted by Dowd Cawn. It woud be more for yor. interest to have ground nearer Us & particularly St. Thoma.

83. We gave your Honrs. our reasons by the Avarilla why we did not care to meddle with the five Villages formerly given by Dowd Cawn, unless we could have the grant confirmd from Court, and even then it would be better to have some ground that is nearer to Us, so that we may be able to defend it upon occasion, and if we could be so happy as to procure St. Thoma, thô it cost a considerable Sum of [mony] it would be a very advantageous Article, for the ground is very fertile and good, it would bring Us in an encrease of Customes, & remove the Moors Government further from Us, besides we know both the French and Armenians have their eye upon it, & hope to settle there one time or other, which would be of infinite prejudice to your affairs.

It is lucky that our present was not set out before the Kings Death, as was the Fate of ye. Dutch. An accot. of that Embassy.

84. It happens very luckily that the Present was not sent forward from Bengall before the Kings Death, otherwise it had infallibly fallen into some of the princes hands, and been swallowd up without any manner of advantage; the Dutch Embassador was arrived at Lahore, and had his Audience before King Shah Allum died, their present was very magnificent, consisting in very fine Persia and Arabia Horses with rich Gold furniture finely wrought in Europe, Abundance of very fine broad cloth, curious Brass ordinance, large gold wrought dishes and abundance of curiosity[s] from China and Japan, the present was very well receivd and the Embassador was promisd all he ask'd, but we have reason to believe he must either renew his present or he will fall short of his expectations; 'tis in vain for our people to think of setting forward from Bengall till the Government is perfectly well settled nor even then unless they know first that the Articles they carry wth. them will be agreable and kindly accepted, the Gentleman they proposd to send last year is dead, and unless there is some well qualifyed person to accompany the present, and place it wisely

among such as are best able to procure Us what we want, it will be so much mony thrown away, and we shall remain just as we were before, this is an affair upon which the future prosperity of your Trade does in great Measure depend.

Nabob Habib Cawn has given great trouble to our affairs about Vizagapatam.

85. The Nabob Habib Cawne [that gov]erns the Carlingo Country round Vigapatam is in continuall warr with the Rajahs, plundering and destroying where ever he comes, which has been a very great hindrance to our Investments, and he has made some attempts to surprize M^r. Hastings, and get him into his power as he did the Dutch Chief at Bimlepatam, and extorted a considerable Present from him, but M^r. Hastings has allways been very well upon his guard.

We have had an offer of Due Island, wch. we did not think fit to accept, An accot. of said Island & how advantageous an article it is capable of being made.

86. We have had an offer made Us of Due Island near Metchlep^m. by one Upperow a Gentue free booter that has possession of it at present, and wants our force to maintain him in it, we returnd him a very civill answer but did not think it in our power to undertake a think of this nature without your Hon^rs. permiss^n. which would undoubtedly put Us to very considerable expences before we should be able to reap any advantage from it ✤ y^e. Island is very fertile and productive of a great many very valuable things particularly the best Chay root in great quantitys and the water is incomparably good for painting; if this Island and S^t. Thoma could be procured by means of the Present, a few years time will reimburse Us, and we heartily wish the Island particularly is not one Article in the Dutch Embassadors project, which if they procure they have the trade of Metchlepatam for ever to themselves, besides the income of the Island which with their management and frugality would bring them in at least forty Thousand Pagodas ℔ Annum clear of all Charges.

During these troubles Zulphakur Cawns Collector repairs thither from Arcot wth. a vast sum of Mony, & takes Sanctuary among Us till he had news of Muzodeens being on ye Throne; ye time he stayed we treated him very civilly.

87. We must not omit to acquaint your Hon^rs. that upon the first news of the Kings Death, severall considerable persons came down from Arcott with great Sums of mony, to be lodg'd within our walls and among the Rest came the Nauvigee or Collector generall to Zulphakur Cawn, and brought with him five or six hundred Thousand Pag^s. which he kept in a house appointed for him and stayd till he had certain advices from his Master that Muzzoodeen was settled upon the Throne, we took particular care to oblige this man, as well in reguard to Zelphakur Cawne as for the Credit of the place.

Our Duan in a March from the So. ward designing to visit St. Thoma, we made use of Zulphakur Cawns Collector & Sunca Rama's interest wth. him to go directly to Arcot. Our Garrison being weak at that time we recalld 100 men from Ft. St. David.

88. In July last our Duan having been upon an Expedition to the Tanjore Country to levie mony took a resolution to return back along the [. . .] and visit S^t. Thoma, in which Journey he would Undoubtedly have pass'd very near if not thrô our bounds at Fort S^t. David, or else we must have denyed him passage, and we were apprehensive if he had come to S^t. Thoma, it would have been a great impediment to our Merchants Investments, besides ceremony & disputes that allways end in considerable presents, for which reason we made use of the Nauvajees Interest with him, and Sunca Rama one of your merchants that happen'd to be with him in the Camp, and with much ado they prevaild with him to lay aside his design, and go directly to Arcott, Our Garrison w^ch. we expected him was very weak, which obligd Us to draw an hundred men from Fort S^t. David, and much about the same time your recruits arrivd luckily from Europe.

The Pegue Embassadors here receiving orders from their King to go for Bengall,

89. We acquainted your Hon^rs. in our last years Letters that y^e King of Pegues Embassadors were here, waiting an opportunity to go to Court with their Present, this year came orders from their King for them to go to Bengall, and proceed thence by way of Patna, upon which our Duan urgd us to detain them by force & send them up to him, which we did not think fitt to be done, however

our Duan writes to us to Stop them & send them to him, wch: we excusd ourselves from.

excusd ourselves in the most civill manner we could, and gave him our reasons why we could not go against the Laws of all Nations; this affair is entered at large in our Consultation of y^e^ 15^th^ of July, and in our Letter to the Duan N°. 21.

An old dispute between the Moors & Jentues about ye: Mosquito reviving, we settled it upon ye: same footing as before that having met yor. Honrs. approvall.

90. The dispute that happend between our Moor Inhabitants & the Gentues, in Govern^r^. Pitt's time anno 1707 about the Mosquito was again revivd this year, the Mullahs Petitioning to have the Duty in their own hands, and refusing to do their function in a mutinous manner unless they could obtain their desires, upon enquiry into this affair we found your then Gov^r^. & Councill decided it in favour of the Jentues, and your Hon^rs^. were pleased to approve what was done in your Letter by the Heathcote Anno 1708, wherefore we confirmd what was formerly decreed, making the Mosquito a better allowance out of the duty than formerly, but continuing the power still in the hands of y^e^ Jentues Inhabitants, and indeed the Moors are too encroaching and Saucy, to have any encouragement given them more y^n^ [. . .] requires.

The Occasion of the troubles at Ispahan.

91. The present troubles at Ispahan in Persia [. . .] have reachd your Hon^rs^. over land before the [. . .] News we had was dated in May when the Agent & all your Serv^ts^. were in Custody and not suffer'd to come at the King with their Complaints; it seems your Bannians or Brokers have made a practice of trading with the great peoples mony, and being much indebted to your Hon^rs^. the Agent thought fit to call them to Acco^t^ & turn them out of your Service, upon which their Creditors being men in great power, demanded their Debts of the Agent, pretending these Bannians were your Hon^rs^. Vakeels or Fac^t^ors, and that they trusted them on your Acco^t^. but the Agent refusing to answer for them, as not being any way obligd thereto, these men having the sole power over the King, have shut up the Factory & seem determind to force Us to a Compliance.

The Agent & Councill there have proposd to us to sieze that Ks's. Subjects & Effects by way of Reprisall wch. we do not think proper to go upon at this time.

92. The Agent and Councill have made a proposall to Us of siezing upon the King of Persia's Subjects and their Effects, which would put a stop to the frieghting any of your Ships this year, and drive away all the Armenians from your Settlements, besides we think it will be time enuff to reprize, when we see the issue of this affair & by that time we may have your Hon^rs^. Orders how to behave ourselves in so tickleish a point; we are in hopes that when the King learns the injustice of the cause he will relieve us.

We have re'd from Gombroon Wine & fruit to ye. Amot. Pa. fa. of 1,392-27.

93. Your Cheif and Councill of Gombroon have sent Us this year one hundred and fifty Chests of Wine, twenty Chests of rosewater six Chests of Vineger five Chests of Atcharr, and fourteen bags of Almonds, but no other fruit was procureable, y^e^ whole we have rec̃d amounting to thirty four thousand five hundred seventy four Shahees and five Coz for which they have drawn Bills upon Us, and we have paid to the Amount of Thirteen hundr^d^. Ninety two Pag^s^ 27 fan^s^.

An Accot. of some Military Actions done at Ft. St. Dd. after the breach of the last treaty by the Enemy.

94. We gave your Hon^rs^. a very full Acco^t^. by the Avarilla of the rise and progress of the War at Fort S^t^ David, with the inconveniencys that were like to attend your affairs, unless a speedy end were put thereto; we also added the particulars of a Treaty which we thought had been concluded, when on a sudden the Enemy fell of from every Article, and treacherously attack'd our men during the time of the truce, which happend but little before the time of the Avarillas dispatch; on the 20^th^ Jan^ry^. M^r^. Raworth sent out a detachment after day was shut in, to lie in Ambuscade without [the] bounds for a party of Horse that us'd to patrole every night Close to our hedge, but missing of them, they marchd four mile an entrenchment, where four hundred of the Enemy were lodgd within a double Wall, and beat them out, with their Granada's entring the place and

doing very great execution upon them and got safe back into our bounds, but not without great hazard of being intercepted by the Enemys Army.

95. About the same time your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. &ca wrote Us that being disappointed of the usuall Supplys of grain, by the Great Scarcity in all the neighbouring parts, occasiond by the dryness of the Season, and the continuance of the warr, their inhabitants deserted dayly in great Numbers, and the Garrison would be reduced to the last extremity, if we did not immediately supply them; this was very unwelcome news to Us for having sent them such large supplys last year, and our crop in these parts being intirely lost for want of rain, we were but in a very sad condition ourselves, however we did what we were able, and made shift to supply them so well before the Turn of the Monsoon, that all things were easy with the Garrison, but four fifths of the Inhabitants were forc'd to retire into other parts, and the want of what we were oblig'd to spare has been severely felt here.

We being acquainted from Ft. St. David that their inhabitants deserted daily for want of Grain in their bounds, we endeavourd to remedie that Evill as well as our own indifferent circumstances would permit us.

96. On the 5th of Feb^{ry}. M^{r}. Bernard Benyon return'd from Fort S^{t}. David, and on the 7th deliverd us in a narrative of the pres^{t}. condition of our bounds at that place, a copy of which comes in the packett N^{o}. 22, and upon perusall of the said Narrative we thought convenient to order that severall new mud works thrown up in convenient places to hinder the Enemy from entring our bounds, should be fac'd with brick or Stone before the rains sett in which would otherwise wash them away and leave the passes open to the Enemy.

Upon a Narrative given in by Mr. Benyon of ye condition of ye Ft. St. David bounds, we agreed to face some mud works there wth. brick or stone to prevent their being washd away with the rains.

97. On the 23^{d} Feb^{ry}. the Enemy made a generall attack upon our bounds with all their Forces, but were very bravely repuls'd with small Loss on our side, tho' they were so desperate (by the help of Bang as we suppose) to ride close up to our men cutting sever^{ll} of their Boyonets off their Musquetts, and some of the barils above half thrô, and this attack lasted severall days, our men being so miserably harass'd by doing Duty in the Sun all Day And little or no rest at Night, that they began to desert to the Enemy in great Numbers considering the smallness of the Garrison seven of the stoutest marching off at one time.

The Enemy make a Generall attack upon our bounds for severall days but are worsted be [at] off.

98. The warm work that had passd since the last Treaty, with the Great Number of men and Horses killd, had so exasperated the Enemy that we could not possibly bring them to another, tho' we had sett severall Engines at work for that purpose, the Duan was then marching between Chinjee and our bounds in his way to Tanjore, and Serrop Sing had sent Embassadors to him to desire he would joyn his forces and beat Us out of our possession, which conjunction we us'd our utmost endeavours to prevent, well knowing the Duan to be an utter enemy to the English in his heart.

We endeavour to enter upon a [2d.] Treaty but in vain. Serrop Sing desires our Duan to joyn him, wch. we prevent.

99. On the 10th of March the Gov^{r}. receivd a Letter from Mons^{r}. Hebert Gov^{r}. of Ponticherry, wherein he very civilly offerrd his service as a mediator to bring this ruinous war to an end, which we thought fit to accept for severall reasons as mentioned at large in our Consultation of the same Day; accordingly a Cessation of Arms was agreed on, and on the 24th. we dispatchd away M^{r}. Bernard Benyon to reside at Ponticherry, and act joyntly with M^{r}. Raworth during the Treaty, and gave him proper instructions as enterd after our Consultation of the 22^{d} March, Kittee Narran formerly Cheif Dubash, and employd by M^{r}. Higginson to Zulphakur Cawn being thought a proper person to accompany him.

Mons^{r}. Hebert offers himself as a mediator towards a peace wch. we accept & send down Mr. Benyon to act wth. Mr. Raworth the 24th. March.

It was the 5th May efore we [coud] bring matters to a conclusion.

100. We shall not detain your Hon^rs. with all the particulars that passd during this treaty, but reserve them for an Acco^t. to come apart by the next Ship, and only acquaint you that it was the beginning of May before we could bring it to any perfection, and the 5^th we receiv'd advices from yo^r Dep^ty Govern^r and M^r. Benyon that the Articles were sign'd, a copy of which comes in the Packett N°. 23.

It is wth. great reluctance that we part wth. mony on yse. occasions. but the following reasons we think make appear the Necessity of procuring peace some how or other.

101. We are not ignorant how disagreable it is to your Hon^rs. [to] part with any sum̃s of mony on such like occasions as these and we Consider'd your Interest very thoroughly before we came to any resolution; the reasons that offerr'd themselves for a peace [are] breifly as follows.

The Expence of the place was encreasd one way or other to five Thousand Pag^s. ℔ month, and your rents and Revenues intirely [. . .] that all was a dead charge.

Most of the Inhabitants had deserted, & the rest dayly following the ground untill'd and such a scarcity of grain, that this place was reduc'd to extream necessity in supplying them.

No possibility of getting in the remainder of the Investment, [so] as to have dispatchd this Ship if the war had continued, nor to have made any more without great disadvantages, because the Enemy was master of all that part of the Country, thro' which most part of the Cloth is brought in; the Duan had besieg'd & take[n] Chilla Naigues woods, who was a confederate with Us, and us'd to pass our Cloth, and do Us many other signall services but now forcd to fly his Country.

No likelyhood of the Enemys ever making a peace without a Sum̃ of mony at last, tho' we should spend fifty thousand Pag^s. more in continuing the warr.

The depravd principles of our Military, plainly evident by the barbarous murthers and other daily disorders committed among them, drunkenness upon their Guards & frequent desertion to the Enemy.

by these motives we were induced to make a peace, yet could not consent to buy it, but had some valuable considerations allowd us.

102. These were the most prevailing reasons that induc'd Us to seek for peace, but we could not consent to buy it, and therefore the expedient was found, that the Rajah should make over the Renters debt to Us, and lend Us his assistance to recover it; & that he should give Us the mole and Ditch of Trevendeporum w^th thirty foot of ground on each side of the ditch from the mole down to Edge of our bounds, which is two miles in length, y^e. mole & Ditch waters the greatest part of our bounds and without it they would lett for little or nothing because of the want of water.

From ye. Renters Relations we shall recover abou^t 5,000 Pag^s & have attachd 4,834; 19: 68 of Mr. Roberts's mony wth. wch. we shall follow yor. Orders.

103. From the Renters Relations that M^r. Roberts permitted to escape we shall in a little time be able to recover between four and five thousand Pag^s., and we have attach'd of M^r. Roberts's [mo]ny in the hands of M^r. Raworth Four Thousand Nine hund[red] and thirty four Pag^s. nineteen fanams and sixty eight Cash, which we hope your Hon^rs. will order towards making you reparation, since he was the Originall cause of the warr by indirect practises, as we have before informd you, and if he had not found means to get away as he did, we might have been able to procure you further satisfaction.

This affair might easily have been made up at

*103. We have formerly wrote your Hon^rs. our opinion, that this troublesome affair might easily have been accommodated at first for a small matter in comparison of the Expences we have since been at, but sure the sequell will convince

* This paragraph should bear the No. 104, but it is 103 in the original volume and it is retained.

your Hon[rs]. that you have been misinformed as to the Rajah of Chinjee's strength & power and we cannot imagine why he should not have dared to seize any of our people in President Pitt's time as well as in any others, for our resentments could not be carryed further into his Country with a handfull of men, than Cap[t]. Roach carryed them, when he march'd as far as Walldore by M[r]. Farmer's Order which is twenty long mile from your bounds, and killd burn'd and destroyd all that came in his way, but this was so far from humbling the Enemy, that it brought down all their force both Horse and foot from Chinjee fully determin'd for revenge, & we were glad to retire within our hedge for the defence of our bounds.

first in comparison of ye Expence since. And yor Honrs. have been misinformed as to the strength & power of Serrop Sing as appears by the sequell.

104. We are of opinion that the wrong notion M[r]. Fraser had of Serope Sings power encourag'd him to lett things go so farr as he did; it is not many years since Aurengzeb thought the conquest of the Chinjee Country of so much importance, that he sent down his own son with a very great army under the conduct of Assid Cawne prime Vizier, & this Zulphakur Cawn his son upon that expedition, and they beseigd it severall years without Success, till Dowd Cawne formerly Nabob of these parts found means to take the Citty by Stratagem after having corrupted part of the Garrison to give him entrance; y[e] present Rajah is Tributary to the Mogull, and has a very considerable revenue, with which he maintains a good body of Horse as brave as any in these parts of the world, of which you have an instance in the first action that happend, when M[r]. Farmer sent to seize some of his people by way of Reprizall, the Cheif of whom tho' he saw the Musquetts presented against him leapd upon the foremost of our men and cut him dead, continuing to lay about him till he was shott thro the body.

M[r]. Fraser's wrong Notion of their power encouragd him to [lett] so far as he did.

The Mogull thot. Chinjee of so much importance that he sent down his [son] & prime Vizier who besiegd long in vain & it was at last taken by Stratagem.

This maintains a strong Force [of] valiant men, an instance of their courage mentiond.

105. We humbly begg your Hon[rs]: to believe that no consideration for ourselves has induced us to pay so much mony for the forementiond peace; if we were fearfull in our natures, we were farr enuff from the Danger, and had nothing to apprehend but the ruine of the Settlement and the consumption of your Estate, the usuall objection against parting with mony, and indeed a very good one in most cases, is the badness of the Precedent which encourages our Encroaching Neighbours to make frequent demands; but with submission this is a very different case, we had enjoyd perfect peace with the people of Chingy ever since we settled there, they never disturb'd us nor never thought of doing it, till your faithless Dep[ty]. Govern[r]. sacrific'd your interest to his own filthy Lucre protecting their just Debtors, and engaging his word to see them forthcoming, thô at the same time he not only conniv'd at but contributed to their Escape, the Rajah however did not seize upon your people, nor attempt any act of hostility, before he had severall times demanded justice in a publick manner both here and in Fort S[t]. David; & finding no manner of notice taken of his demands, he proceeded to seize our men.

[Not] fear for ourselves but the [Pre]serva. of yt. Settlemt. was the only inducemt. to us to part wth. [mony]

[The] greatest objection against [par]ting wth. mony is the ill Pre[ce]dent.

but this is a case of a partior. nature the injury being committed on our side first, & legall satisfaction being demanded was not given where it ought.

106. When your Hon[rs]: consider how many Thousand Pag[s]. extraordinary expence this war has put you to, you will easily believe [it] has cost the enemy a much greater Sum, besides the vast Damages that were done to his Country, of which you have an Acco[t]: under the hands of the Fort S[t]. David Gentlemen by the last Ship, so that there is no manner of fear of their ever entring into a warr

Considering how Expensive this war has been to us, 'tis easy to believe it has

cost them much more, besides ye. damage of their Country so that there is no danger of a relapse into trouble.

with us again, unless they are encouraged to it by the sup[ine]ness of your servants, or provokd by their unjust and faithless dealings; the country now is

The good Consequences of ye. Peace & the hopes we have of that place's flourishing.

perfectly quiet, the Expences are reducd the better half, your Investments go merrily on, a great many of the best of your Inhabitants are returnd, the mole of Trevendeporam is repaird, and your bounds lett out long ago for three thousand Chuckrums the first year, tho' will produce much more the next, the Trade is open both by Sea and Land so that your Customs will increase, and nothing shall be wanting to make the place flourish, so that in few years time if it does not fall into such hands again, as put the Profits in their own pocket it will undoubtedly maintain itself and bring mony into yo[r]. Cash; we humbly submitt this affair to your Candid interpretation, solemnly protesting that we will never part with a Pagoda of your mony, but when we are satisfyed to the best of our judgements that it is for your advantage.

concerning the great Diamond we suppose the information to have been given by Capt. Seaton, but all dispute about it is so well settled, that no trouble can attend yor. affairs upon its being sent to England, if those who live undr. yor. protection do not clandestinely endeavour to betray yor. Interest.

107. In Answer to your Hon[rs]: 56[th] paragraph concerning the great Diamond, we are very well satisfyed the Duan's Letter was wrote upon some informations given from hence, thô we cannot possitively name the person, we always believ'd it to be Cap[t]. Seaton by his own expressions, but he is sent off the Shoar according to your Hon[rs]. orders; if any body supported him in that affair it was your late president, but there is no danger of any trouble coming upon Us about it, because Vincattee Chittee one of Yo[r]. Joynt Stock Merchants who had a hand in procuring the Diamond, stopd the Duans mouth with a private present when first the enquiry was made, so that we have heard no further of the matter nor ever shall, unless it be from the malicious contrivances of those that live under your protection, the Diamond to the best of all our judgments, and some of Us know perfectly well, was very fairly and honestly bought of the head person that rents the Mines, who brought it hither himself and returnd very well satisfyed; we cannot apprehend that the buying it or carrying it to England, either has been, or can be any prejudice to your affairs, unless those who have the greatest obligations to you, should betray your interest and that of their Country, which we confess are no strange things now a Days, but we hope there are no such villains among Us.

Yor. Inhabitants are in Peace & quietness tho have sufferd by the scarcity of Grain, & for ten mos. the place has been supplied by adventures to sea at ye. great hazard of their Fortunes. but to prevent the like disaster in future times we shall lay in a store as opportunity favours such an undertaking.

108. Your Inhabitants here are all peaceable and quiet thô we have sufferrd extreamly by the dearness and Scarcity of grain, having been supplyd by Sea for ten months past, all means were us'd to bring it in, and our own mony hazarded in the very worst season for the relief of the poor, in which thô we have been great sufferers by the loss of severall loaden Vessells, we do not repine, because a great quantity came well in, and has been a means to preserve so many lives; we have formerly wrote that your new President found no store of grain on his arrivall, we only wait for a favourable opportunity to lay it in without prejudice to the poor, and for the future shall be better provided upon all emergencys, the scarcity in Bengall has made our case so much the worse, because we us'd to have large supplys annually from thence.

A Second Expedition to Maldiva under ye. direction of Mr. Calvert

109. Your Hon[rs]. will undoubtedly have heard of an Expedition set afoot in Bengall in the year 1710 to reinstate the Old King of the Maldiva Islands, and the ill succeess that attended it, however they made a Second attempt this last season with two good Ships and about one hundred and fifty Soildiers commanded

by Mr. Calvert one of your Councill and Lieutenant Gourdon that came out on the Darby; this last expedition succeeded no better than the former, for tho' they had possession of great part of the Chief Island, and severall of the Enemys batterys, they were beat off again with the loss of abundance of their people, and Mr. Calvert died at Fort St. David the 12th of May in his way back to Bengall; these two expeditions have carryed off abundance of the men belonging to your Shipping & a considerable sum of the Projectors mony.

attended wth. ill success. Mr. Calvert dies at Ft. St. David. Many of yor. Soldiers & Sailors have been diverted from yor. Service this way.

110. By the Josiah a Ship of ours that left Bombay in August we learn that the Mountague, Litchfield and Heathcote are order'd out with two of the Councill to seize upon Abdull Gafores Ships that were dayly expected with the Mocho Fleet, tho' not a word is mention'd of it in our Generall Letter.

We hear that the Mountague Litchfield & Heathcote are going to seize Abdull Gafore's Ships.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING YOUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

111. By what we have formerly wrote your Hons. on this Head, you may please to judge whether Egmore Guard house merits your approbation, and as for the turn pikes to keep the horses from pillaging the Villages, the project was like the Contriver, and could be of little or no service because the villages are open on every side.

Turn pikes to preserve ye. Villages of Egmore won't answer ye. End.

112. Your Directions in the 59th Paragraph concerning the annual produce of every branch of your Revenues shall be complyd wth cast up to the last of Decemr. and sent by the January Ship.

The produce of each branch of yor. Revenue shall be sent you in Janry.

113. The Debt of six Thousand four hundred & thirty Pags. owing by the Tobacco and Beetle Farmers happend in Governr. Pitts time at least the greatest part of it, for finding that they did not comply with their monthly payments he imprison'd them, and afterwards upon consideration that if the Farm was taken from them all the debt would be lost they were employd again in hope they would gett wherewithall to pay it, but when Mr. Fraser came to the Government finding they still run further in arrears, he imprisond them, and let the farm to another person who has never missd a months payment since he had it, now how these people came first to be in arrears we are not able to tell, but beleive it must be remissness in those whose duty it was to call upon them, it is still a greater Mistery which way these old Farmers were undone by a Farm which the present possessor pays very punctually and remains well satisfyed with his profit, but this is most certain they are now in a starving condition, and one of them perished in Goal some time ago, so that when Mr. Fraser wrote there was some hazard of the Debt, he might better have said there was little or no likelihood of recovering it.

The Debt of Pags. 6430 due from ye. Tobacco & Beetle farmers arose part in Govr. Pit's time, & the methods agreed upon to recover it not succeeding it encreasd in Mr. Fraser's time. They were then imprison'd where one died & the survivor now there not worth a fanam. The present farmers make payments & are satisfied wth. the profit.

114. As to the Toddy Trees remaining in the burying place & the inconvenicncys that arise from them according to the flourishes in the Frederick's Letter, we hope to find such an expedient that you need not be troubled again with such trifling complaints, but the planting of new Trees will hardly answer your Hons. Expectations at least not in this Age, for they are thirty years before they yeild any Liquor.

The Project for planting new Toddy trees in the burying ground wont do.

115. We have not yet had time to take the affair of Parriar Arack into Consideration, and therefore deferr our Answer till next Ship.

The affair of Parriar Arrack deferrd.

To prevent frauds that may have been committed in ye. Land Customs we have encreasd ye. penalty by making all run goods a forfieture.

116. Those who informd your Hon^rs. concerning the frauds committed in the land Customes by running of goods and bringing the Conicoplys, would have done but honestly & fairly to have represented the matter to the Board when they were here 'tis very hard for any body to ascertain the annuall amount of such frauds, unless they have themselves been concerned in them, but your new President soon after his arrivall finding that there were abuses practic'd between the black Merchants & Conicoplys; and that the goods run usd to be cleard upon payment of Double Custom which rather encreasd the evill than otherwise the penalty being so insignificant, the very same methods were resolvd upon in our Consultation dated y^e 19^th November last your Hon^rs are now pleasd to prescribe in your 64^th parã to which consultation we humbly referr you.

It was a mistake in that person who wrote yor. Hon^rs. the Revenues amo^td. to Pags. 105,000 as appears upon Examina of ye. Gen^ll. Books but we shall study to encrease them as much as possible, and had establish'd an additionall income upon Toddy but that at present it woud [have] been too hard upon the poor.

117. It was a gross Mistake in the Penman of that Letter which told your Hon^rs. the Revenues amounted to one hundred & five thousand Pag^s. as you will see by the abstract sent you in this packet, and Upon perusall of the generall books for many years wee cannot find that ever they amounted to more, the Sea & land Customes your Hon^rs. very well know are always uncertain, but other Articles are considerably encreas'd, especially the Farms; we begg you to believe that we will cherish every branch, & we should before now have laid a small Duty upon Toddy & some other things, if the scarcity of grain allmost to a famine had not oblig'd Us to lay those thoughts aside for the present, in commiseration of the Poorer sort of people, upon whom such Dutys would intirely fall.

For every pressing reasons we hâ permitted an Hospitall to ye. value of 1000 Pag^s. to be built at Ft. St. Dv^d.

118. The Dep^ty. Govern^r. and Councill of Fort S^t. David having laid before us the miserable Condition of their sick men for want of [an]Hospitall as will appear in their Letter N^o. 46 dated March [y^e.] 11^th, we have permitted them to build one not exceeding the value of a Thousand Pag^s. w^ch. we hope your Hon^rs. will approve.

To prevent peoples going off the shore indebted to ye. Customs, we have orderd that ye same be paid before the goods are taken away or Security given.

119. Upon a Complaint from your Receiver at the Sea Gate that sev^ll. strangers belonging to Shipping have gone off shoar without paying their Customs; we have order'd for the future that the goods shall not be taken away before the Custom is paid, unless some substantiall inhabitant of the place will be answerable for it.

The good Consequences of the Mint's being remov'd to a convenient place wch. prove ye. Necessity there was for it.

120. In our last we acquainted your Hon^rs: that we chose rather to buy a good convenient house and ground for the Mint than to repair the old one, and gave you our reasons which we hope were satisfactory and we have already found the good effects of it, both in the health of our Soildiers upon the Main Guard, & in the dispatch of our Coinage, for now the workmen have room enuff and all manner of conveniencys, whereas they were coop^d. up before, or forcd to work in the street which was a very great offence, and we have coind this year near One third part in a mo^th. more than ever was done in former times, or else

we could not have sent down your stock to Bengall in so good a season, considering it was all to be coind here, and some Laacks of Rupees besides for private Trade, of which we were loath to lose the coinage, and therefore by employing at least a thousand people day and night from the 24th July to the 20th Sept. we made shift to coin One Million five hundred & eleven thousand Rupees, which cou'd never have been done in the place where the Mint formerly stood.

121. The New Hospitall is in a manner finish'd, but will cost Us something more in the end than we expected, because the Fortification Wall to the River side, was so very bad that we were forcd to lay a new foundation and rebuild it, and half the Pegue Ships losing their passage Timber has been this year much dearer than Ordinary, which is the most considerable Article in building, when we ord[ered]. The subscription we wrote Fifteen hundred Pags. for your Honrs. and are now pretty well advanc'd, but intend to keep it allways afoot, and have agreed a certain sum to be contributed out of all Profitable voyages, the whole building is plain, uniform, firm & usefully contrivd to lodge an hundred or an hundred & fifty sick men upon Occasion, the Totall charge will amount to seven thousand Pags. more or less, and tho' it swells your Paymasters Accots. at Present, you will have Credit for what is gather'd in upon the Contribution in your Generall Books; in which we promise our utmost care and Diligence.

The New Hospitall is nigh finishd, but costs more than we expected, because we were oblig'd to rebuild ye. Fortification Wall to ye. River side, & Timber this year being very dear. We shall keep the subscription [ev]en & make all good voyages contributors thereto in order to lessen the charge upon yor. Honrs.

122. The free Guard House will not cost altogether so much as the Hospitall, but is the same plain strong and usefull building, & if taken care of may stand an hundred year; but not being so forward as the other we will reserve a full Accot: of it for the next Letter when we shall send compleat draughts of both.

The ffree Guard house will cost almost as much as the Hospitall but with a little care taken of it will stand 100 years.

123. When we came to pull down St. Thomas's point in order to rebuild it, we found that the face off the Bastion next the Sea, and all ye. Saillant Angle had not above two foot foundation, which was the occasion of the Wall's bursting in severall parts from Top to Bottom, and if there had ever been occasion to have fired the Guns warmly in earnest, we are very sure that the whole Battery would have sunk or fallen to peices; when we came to lay the new foundation wch. is full six foot under ground, and fifteen foot broad, we found a bed of soft mud of five foot deep, which we were forc'd to take out and fill the space up with sand, and to defend the work from the sea in case of a violent Monsoon, there are piles of redwood drove into the ground in the shape of the saillant Angle at a convenient distance in two rows, six foot distant from each other the space of which we have fill'd up with the rubbish of the old point ; so that it is now the best and most substantiall work, belonging to the place, and we made a shift to finish it about the time the Duan talkd of coming to St. Thoma; it is all built with Chinam which indeed swells the Accot. but otherwise it wou'd have been of no duration.

In the rebuilding St. Thoma's Point we found a necessity for laying out more mony than we thought of, but it is now the strongest & best work [for] the Garrison.

124. We are very uneasy at all this necessary work's falling upon our hands, for fear your Honrs. should think we take delight in lavishing your mony, but when we have done what is absolutely necessary, we hope by a constant frugality to rivet ourselves in your good opinion, in the mean time we take all imaginable Care to work at as little Charge as possible.

We hope yor Honrs. will not think we delight in lavishing yor. mony when ye. necessity of things is considerd.

Sixthly Touching Factors, Writers, Officers & Soldiers, Free Inhabitants & Their Accots.

We recd ten writers p Marlbro & Kent.

125. We have receivd ten Writers by the Marlbrô and Kent; we had no manner of occasion for them, as your Honrs. will observe by the lists sent home last Shipping, however tis some comfort since we must be at an extraordinary Expence to maintain them to find that they are most of them better qualified for your business than those that are usually sent abroad, what we are most at a Loss for is a convenient place to lodge them in, every hole being full before their arrivall, and the Colledge as we have before wrote [not] in a condition for any body to live in, however we shall make any shift till your orders arrive next year, we send in the Packett lists of your covenanted Servants and Military receivd by this years shipping according to your Directions, also a list of your Councll and all covenanted Servants under this Presidency in the form prescribed by your 68th. parã., and the Accot. of Marriages, Births and Burials signd by the Minister and Church Wardens.

We want room to lodge them.

we send you a list of covenented servts. & Military recd. ys. year. also A List of Covenanted Servts. under this Presidency & list of Marriages &ca according to yor. Directions.

All necessary papers shall be signd by ye. proper persons.

126. All necessary Papers that come by the Packett shall be sign'd for the future by the Proper Officers with ye. quantitys in words [at] length as well as figueres.

relating to the Buriall of Govr. Addison half at ye. Compas. Expence. & If Yor. Honrs. do not approve that we desire yor. Orders in the like cases for the future. As for ye. Pa. Fa. 325: 13 for provisns. for Govr. Pitt's passage we suppose it to be a mistake of yor. orders. We shall write to Mr. Faucet yor. then Steward about it.

127. Upon enquiry we find that it was thought reasonable by yo[ur] then President and Councill to pay half the Charges of Govr. Addisons funerall, having bury'd him in a pompous manner by an Order of Consultation dated *October the* 17th., to which [para] to be referr'd, but there could be no precedent for it because he was the first Governr: that has died here in the memory of any man living, but since your Honrs. seem to disapprove the Expence, be pleasd to order what you will have done for the future upon the like occasions, that it may be a standing Rule for Us to go by; the case seems to Us to be, whether your Governr. is to be buried as a Governr. or as a private Man at his own Expence and as for the Three hundred twenty five Pags. thirteen fanams for Provisions to the late Govr. Pitt on his Passage, the best Accot. we can gett of it (for there is none upon your Consultations) is, that it was done by Govr. Addisons Order to the Steward, who put the provisions aboard, and accordingly the charge was brought in and paid in the Paymasters Accots. mistaking as we suppose your Honrs. meaning in your 73d. paragraph by the Heathcote, where he is orderd to be allowd six months provisions and necessarys ashoar, Mr. Thomas Faucett who was then Steward is now belonging to your Vizagapatam Factory and the only person able to give a further Accot. of this matter, wherefore we will write to him about it & send his answer wth. our next.

What Mr. Roberts refunded was an Accot. of a wrong allowance made him.

128. What Mr. Roberts refunded to the Paymaster &ca. was for so much that had been allowd him by an erroneous construction of the 80th. paragraph in your Letter dated the 4th. of Febry. 1708 wch. is in these words "What we have before "directed concerning Mr. Pitt as to his Accommodations and taking passage "upon any of our Ships for England, we would have observd in Relation to "Mr. Roberts." it had been better if the allowance had never been paid him, but since it was wrong paid, we hope your Honrs. will approve his being obligd to refund it.

129. Mr. Thomas Bulkleys Covenants and Bond to perform them are executed, and returnd in the Packett.

[Mr.] Bulkley has signd his Covents.

130. We observe with due reguard the 76th. paragraph of your Letter recommending Mr. Josiah Cooke, who has our particular Countenance and encouragement upon all Occasions, he is at present under the Land Customer, and has copyed your Generall Leidger that comes by this Conveyence, we hope he will prove a worthy son of so good a father, and merit your future favour by his deportment in your Service.

Mr. Josiah Cooke shall have all [our] Encouragement.

131. We have your Orders for reducing the Officers pay under consideration, and shall be sure to Comply in the easiest manner we can, but the hurry of this Ships dispatch must plead our excuse, if we cannot compleat it before she sails.

we shall comply wth. yor. Orders for reducing the Officers pay.

132. On the 3d. of Febry. died Mr. Francis Cooke eldest Brother of ye. two Essay Masters, a very good man that has serv'd you faithfully in his Employ; his brother John lays down your service and comes upon this Ship to look after his Brothers Effects and family in England he has likewise been a very diligent and faithfull Servt. ye. Mint having been in perfect reputation ever since these two Brothers had the Charge of the Essay; there are two Gentlemen now upon the Place, that understand Essays very well Vizt. Messrs. James Young and John Maubert, sober, diligent persons, whom we shall be oblig'd to employ for the present, and entreat your Honrs. to conform them we shall take sufficient security here, and if you please to have further Security in England their friends will be ready to give in.

Upon the Death of Mr. Francis Cooke & Mr. John Cooke's going Messrs. Young & Maubert made Essay masters.

133. Mr. Francis Cooke having been head Searcher at the Sea Gate was succeeded by Joseph Smart that had acted some time past as Secretary to this Board, but being troubled with the barbares was not so well able to discharge that Office, and therefore we have taken in John Mason Register at the Sea Gate, who has formerly servd as Under Secretary and behaves himself entirely to our satisfaction, wherefore we humbly hope that Your Honrs. will give him some distinguishing mark of your favour, as we[ll] for a reward to his merit, as to encourage others in your Service to qualifie themselves for places of trust with the same Pains and Diligence.

Mr. Smart made head Searcher & Mr Mason Secry. who is likewise recommended to encouragement.

134. On the 7th. of Febry. Augustus Burton, Elisha Ellill & Stileman Gostlin writers were sent to Fort St. David, and Elisha Ellill being a very ingenious capable young man that studdys Gunnery & Fortification, and was formerly employd in the Train in fflanders; we have at his request made him Gunner at Fort St. David, which trust he discharges admirably well, & performs his writing work besides.

Messrs. Burton, Ellill & Gostlin sent to Fort St. David, Mr. Ellill to act as Gunner.

135. Richard Horden and Joseph Smart both Junior Merchts: came out upon the Chambers Friggat Anno 1701 and that Ship touching here in her way (or rather out of her way) to China, they were taken ashoar (assistance being then much wanted) and immediately employd in your service, we cannot find them mentiond in any of your Letters, nor was there any list of covenanted Servts. by that Ship, wherefore we are at a Loss to decide their seniority, which is for that reason humbly referr'd to your Honrs: one of them has lost the Copy of his Covenants or else we should have thought it equitable to prefer those of the oldest Date; & now we are upon this Subject, we wish your Honrs: would please to give Us a clear standing Rule, for the Seniority of your Serv[ts.] for many disputes arise upon the Deviation of Captains in their [out]ward bound passage, by which it is not reasonable the innocent should suffer, we find an order in the old Compa's. time relating to Capt. Bromwell in the Sampson, but with submission that will not do in all cases, because if we should decide by that Rule Messrs. Horden and Smart before mention'd would be postpon'd, till the return of ye. Chambers Friggat from China, tho they had been employd twenty three months in your Service, wherefore we pray the favour for ye. future that your Honrs. would please

Messrs. Horden & Smart disputing their standing the decision is referrd to yor. Honrs.

We desire a standing Rule to go by in cases of this Nature.

to give the preference in England as you think fitt, and then we have nothing to do but to follow your Orders.

Upon Mr. Cottrell's Death Mr. Woodward ws. made youngest of Councill at Ft. St. David.

136. On the 18th. of March we rec'd advices from Fort St. David acquainting Us that Mr. Henry Cottrell one of your Councill died on the 13th. Do., upon which we appointed Mr. Thomas Woodward Factor youngest of that Councill.

John Knapton sent writer to the West Coast.

137. John Knapton formerly School master of this place requesting to serve as a writer on the West Coast was entertain'd the 3d of Aprill last and went thither on your Ship President.

Mr. Hunt youngest of Councill died ye. 23d Aprill whose vacancy we shoud have filld up, but [for] ye, dispute between Messrs. Horden & Smart. We desire yor. Orders how to act in future when Vancancys happen in yor. Councill.

138. The 23d. of Aprill died your old Servt. Mr. Richard Hunt youngest of Councill, and By Will appointed Messrs. Bernard Benyon and John Cooke his Trustees. We have not filld up the Councill because the two next in degree are Messrs. Smart and Horden between whom the dispute of Precedency lies, and further in looking over your old Orders we find that it is said, nobody taken in here shall be reckon'd of Councill till approv'd in England, but by the Heathcote your Honrs. are pleasd to write in two lines paragraph 69 that you will have the Councill consist of the President and eight persons, by which words, we should have ventur'd to fill up, had it not been for the dispute aforesaid, but we begg your possitive orders in this case for the future.

Richard Connell entertaind Factr. [for] the West Coast.

139. Richard Connell Free Merchant offering his service to go Factor to the West Coast, and being a person that writes a good hand, and is well skill'd in Accots: we have entertain'd him the 9th of May last because they write from thence they cannot keep up their Accots. for want of help, he was intended to go before Mr. Colletts arrivall and afterwards went with him.

Mr. Bourcheir writer layd [down] the service.

140. Richard Bourcheir writer having very ill health & petitioning to lay down the Service it was agreed to, since we have more than we know what to do with.

Benjamin Russell for ill Be[haviour] was orderd for ye. Wt. Coast but upon signs of Amend[mt] is sent to Vizagapatam.

141. Benjamin Russell one of your writers that came out by the Aurengzeb proving very disorderly as mentiond in our Consultation the 26th June, we determind him for the West Coast & home, but upon his humble petition and some signs of Grace being a lad very fit for business we afterwards sent him to Vizagapatam upon his good behaviour, where he will be out of the way of ill Company, and Mr. Hastings writes that he is much reformd.

Thos. Parker entertain'd Factor for ye West Coast.

142. Thomas Parker free Merchant being out of Service, & offering to go factor for the West Coast, in consideration of his being bred a Mercht. in England, and his Skill in Accots. he was entertaind the 4th of July for that Service.

Mr. Raworth at his request came up hither to settle his affairs wth. yor. Honrs. &ca. return'd ye. 4th. Septr.

143. Your Deptv. Governr. of Fort St. David having settled all things in as good a manner as possible after so ruinous a war, on the 15th of July desired leave to come up hither and settle his own affairs yt were left in the utmost confusion upon his suddain departure to which request we easily consented for severall reasons that will fall in under the head of Accots: and are mentiond in our Consultation the 17th July; accordingly he arrivd here the 9th of Augst: and after having adjusted his Accots: with your Honrs. as well as possibly we could, we were obligd to hurry him away again the 4th Sept. the Garrison being grown very mutinous by the slackness of Discipline in so short a time severall barberous murders committed, and both Officers and Soilders dayly deserting, wch. may serve to give an idea of Mr. Farmers Capacity to govern.

144. At the Particular request of your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. M^{r}. Collett, we entertaind M^{r}. Peter Caulier a factor to go his Secretary being [a] man of capacity and M^{r}. Collet declard to have had sufficient experience of him in the Voyage hither.

Mr. Peter Caulier entertaind Factor & Secry. for ye. Wt. Coast at Mr. Collet's request.

145. Lieu^{t}. Thomas Wallis came hither from Bombay particularly recommended by your Generall as a person of very good behaviour, and every way qualified for his Employ, but was oblig'd to leave the Island for the Recovery of his health, the Air of this place soon recoverd him, and upon laying his indigent Circumstances before Us, which were very well worthy commiseration we venturd to entertain him as Lieu^{t}. at Ensigns Pay, at first designing him for Vizagapatam, but good officers being most wanted at Fort S^{t} David, as your Hon^{rs}. will observe by those we have been obligd to break for their [. . .] we alterd our minds and sent the said Wallis to Fort S^{t}. David, in the room of Lieut^{t}: Courtney hereafter mentiond, and M^{r}. Raworth gives him the Charecter of a very worthy Officer.

Thomas Wallis entertaind Lieut^{t}. for Ft. St. David at Ensigns pay.

146. On the 28th Jan^{ry}. arriv'd here Lieu^{t}. Hercules Courtney, Ensign Brooks and Serjeant Peterson who were sent up from Fort S^{t} David by your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. and Councill, for sedition in the highest Degree, as sett forth at large in our Consultation of the 28th Jan^{ry}. to which we humbly referr You, and the said Courtney having had his Commission taken from him once before, which was redeliverd him upon his good behaviour, we thought ourselves obligd to turn him out of your Service for ever; the Ensign being a poor easy fellow that has servd you well many years, we first dismissd him and afterwards out of compassion took him in again a Serjeant, which he is much fittest for; and as for Serjeant Peterson, who is an extraordinary man in his employ finding upon Examination that he was a foreigner unskilld in our Language and seduced by Courtney not knowing the nature of the petition he got sign'd, after some months imprisonment we restored him to his halbert, such men being very scarce among Us.

Ltieu^{t}. Courtney broke for sedition & Mutiny. Ensign Brookes that was an Accomplice, but being betrayd into ye. Fact by Courtney & ignorant of ye. heinousness of ye. Crime we have only reduced to a Serjt.

Serjt. Peterson that was likewise concernd, but very ignorantly, we have, after some imprisonm^{t}., restord.

147. Lieu^{t}. Edmund Howson that came out upon the Dartmouth having misbehav'd himself at Fort S^{t} David was sent up hither under confinement in Aprill last; but upon the intercession of your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. and the offenders fair promises of better behaviour, we have restord him to his command because he is an able Officer, but the next offence sends him for England.

Lieut^{t}. Howson having misbehavd himself was sent up thither, but at ye. intercession of Dy. Govr. is restord.

148. In the 65th. paragraph of our Letter by the Hallifax we mention'd John Burnell taken into your service as an Ensign and the reasons for so doing, he has since prov'd an insolent offender & created abundance of disturbance in the Garrison, wherefore we were oblig'd to turn him out of your service.

Ensign Burnell broke for insolent Behaviour.

149. Lieutenants Tanfield, Orrell and Borlace arrivd here passengers upon the Jane, the first of the three is appointed by Commission to serve here, the other two made an Exchange by consent so that Borlace is gone to Bengall, and Orrell with your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. Collett to Bencoolen.

Lieut^{ts}. Orrill & Burlace sent out for Bengall & ye. Wt. Coast are permitted to excha. at their request & Mr. Collets Consent.

Lieutt. Francis Hugonin sent for from Ft. St Dd. & made Gunnr. of this Garrison.

150. When the Troubles at Fort S^{t}. David were over, we calld up Lieuten^{t}. Francis Hugonin to be Master Gunner of this Garrison, in y^{e}. room of Gunner Atkinson deceasd, accordingly he was entertain'd y^{e}. 9th. of June, and is a person admirably well qualified for that Employ.

Robert Presgrove made Ensign.

151. The 15th. July Robert Presgrove was entertaind Ensign in the room of John Burnell dismissd.

Serjt. Handlon made Ensign at Ft. St. David for his Bravery.

152. Serjeant Handlon at Fort S^{t}. David having distinguishd himself in an extraordinary manner at an attack of the Enemys Entrenchment, insomuch that they term'd him the little devil, we thought it for your Service to make him an Ensign, for the Encouragement of others to do the like.

Serjeant Fox & Corporall Starky were sent up from Ft. St. David for two barbarous Murthers & are now in prison.

153. On the 14th. of August we receivd Letters from Fort S^{t}. David wth. an Acco^{t}. of a most inhumane murther committeed upon a mistees by Serjeant Fox, for the particulars of which give Us leave to refer you to the said Letter N°. 144 and on the 22^{d}. of the same month came news of another murther, more barbarous if possible than the former committed by one Starcky a Corporall upon a poor innocent black fellow related at large in your Fort S^{t}. David Letter N°. 145, both the murtherers were seizd and sent up hither, and we keep them under close confinement with rice and water, hoping your Hon^{rs}. will not leave Us longer without a full power to try and execute such notorious offenders, who dayly make the[ir] brags that wehave not a power to put them to death, we have now no less than four in prison for direct murther and George Brand mention'd in our Letter by the Avarilla, who killd Hughs in a rencounter; as for John Bailie who deserted from Vizagapatam and assisted the Moors against the place, he died in prison the 26th. of Feb^{ry}.

We hope yor. Hon^{rs}. will procure us a power to try & execute Such Criminalls.

To evidence to yor. Hon^{rs}. the ill consequences our want of power is attended wth. we must acquaint you wth. a piracy committed by the Lascars of Ship Eugene, who had carryd her off had it not been for anothr. Ship in Compa.

Four of these Lascars have been taken & are now in Custody.

154. Our want of power to execute Criminals is so well known to all the inhabitants, that the very Lascars employd in our Shipping have had the impudence to attempt the lives of the Cap^{t}. & Officers and to run away with the Ships, an instance of which happen'd in the Eugene bound to Tonqueen last season, where the Serang & Lascars rose in the night, and murthered the mate of the Watch & afterwards cut down the Boatswain and attempted the great Cabin where the Cap^{t}. and Supra Cargo lay, but they waking in time made a hard shift to defend their lives with the fire Arms & the Villains finding they should not be able to compass their design, because there was another Ship in Company and dailight would discover their Actions, cut down the Yards and mangled all the rigging after which they made their escape in the long Boat & got to Jehore, where four of them were seizd by one of our Ships and brought hither, so that your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe our goals are full, and how necessary it is that we should have a full power to make examples of such notorious Offenders, for the good Government of your Settlements and the preservation of your Estates.

Whatever Commissn. you send Us, we desire directions therewith from able Lawyers for our proceedings.

We once again desire yor. Hon^{rs}. to take this matter into serious consideration.

155. Whatever Commission your Hon^{rs}. think fitt to send us, wee would be glad to have full directions drawn up by able Lawyers for our proceedings, with the forms of the warrants & necessary writs to summon juries, and what printed Books you think usefull to guide Us upon such occasions, the rest we will endeavour to supply with the best reason GOD ALMIGHTY has given Us, & we humbly pray once more that you will take this matter into your serious consideration, for as we have no copys of your Charters granted by Virtue of the Act of Parliament, nor no particular Commission or Directions from your Hon^{rs}. concerning Criminall cases, we know not what our power is.

The Widow of Isaac Abendana making her

156. The Widdow of Isaac Abendana late Hebrew Merch^{t}. of this place having liberty to go to Paliacat on a visit, was there privately married to a German and retired from thence to Trincombar in order to embarque for Europe,

* A half-caste.

which did not come to our knowledge till the 4th. Febry. last, and this Board being appointed Trustees to her husband's Will in case of her marrying again, we thought ourselves obligd to interpose in the affair & accordingly wrote to the Governr. & Councill of Trincombar to return her hither; severall Letters passd between Us upon this Subject but we could not prevaile to have her deliver'd up; we begg leave to refer your Honrs. to our Consultations of the 4th. & 7th. of ffebry. and to our letters to and from Trincombar No. 12. 33 & 50 in our Letter book sent, and No. 40, & 74 in that receiv'd for a full Accot. of this affair.

Escape to Trincombar & marrying, and we thereby becoming Trustees to her husbands will, thot. proper to demand her of the Danes, but they refuse to deliver her.

157. Padre Milton who was turnd out of the Cuddolore Churches By your Honrs. Orders, offering his service to accompany Mr. Collett to Bencoolen, where nobody else would go, we could not in conscience refuse him, the Padre that resided there being dead, your Honrs. seem to be apprehensive that being an Englishman he might easily seduce his Countrymen from the true faith, but we assure you there is no manner of Danger for he is a meer plain Priest wth. out any manner of Qualifications for making of Converts, he humbly submits his Case and that of the Theatine Order to your Consideration, in the papers that come by this Packet No. 26.

Padre Milton offering his service to accompany Mr. Collet to the Wt. Coast, we permitted him to go.

158. Reuben Smith Serjeant having been accusd to the Govr. of loathsom Actions with a black fellow, of which there is sufficient Proof we have thought better to send him away by this Ship, yn. to expose the Charecter of the British Nation by bringing him to a publick tryall and punishment.

Reuben Smith Serjt. sent off shore for loathsom Practices.

159. We will close this head with recommending Lieut. John Roach to your Honrs. favour, he is a brave, able & diligent Officer that has distinguish'd himself on all occasions in the Fort St. David Service, and is very fit to have a Superiour Command over all the rest with the Title of Capt. Major if your Honrs. think fitt, and to be employd in going from one Garrison to another as there shall be occasion; we have now return'd him to Fort St. David to establish a strict discipline & see the Outworks compleated.

Lieutt. Roach recommended to be Capt. Major, he is sent to Ft. St. Dd. to establish strict discipline among the Military.

Seventhly Touching your Accounts.

160. The Answer to your Accomptants Letter rec'd by the Bouverie went by the same Ship and might as well have gone by the Frederick if Mr. Fraser had thougt fitt, Your Accomptant has now so much business upon his hands to ballance your generall Books in order to send them by the Ship, that he humbly pr[ays] to be excusd answering your Accomptants letter till the next least in the hurry it should not be done to your Satisfaction; [the] Mint, Paymasters, Land and Sea Customers Accots. from the ballance of your books in Aprill to September inclusive come in the packet, but we have no abstracts of Fort St. David rents [&] Revenues, because they have been discontinued during the warr what there are shall come by the Janry. Ship.

Our Accompt. desires to be excusd answering yor Accotts. Letter till Janry. Abstracts of Sevll. accots. from ye. ballce. of ye. Books to ye. nlto. Septr. sent ℔ this Ship.

161. By carefully perusing all your former letters your President soon after the dispatch of the Avarilla, came to find that he might act pretty safely by the former Powers given Mr. Addison and Councill to compound the debt with the Metchlepatam Merchants, accordingly he has sounded them at a distance to find out their inclinations, and lately receivd a Letter from the Cheif of them at Metchlepatam, desiring to know what encouragement he would give him to come up hither, to which your President returnd answer by a Second hand, that he should be very wellcome, and have his Utmost assistance to provide people amongst ourselves that would buy the debt, but that he had no Orders to discharge it, we do not doubt but they will come, and shall take care to end the business as much to your advantage as possible, but it is with great greif we read in your Letter by the Heathcote parā 77, that Mr Pitt and Mr. Raworth wrote the new Company they hopd they should buy off the Debt for twenty or twenty five thousand Pags. what reason they had for those hopes we cannot tell,

The Presidt. finding he had some power to act in compounding the Metchlepm Debt endeavrs. to sound the Merchts. inclinatns. & gives them to understand at [secd.] hand that if they came up

hither about they shod. meet his favour.

neither can Mr Raworth inform us, and your new President assures you that to his knowledge Mr *Pitt offer'd them Forty thousand, & told him he would upon occasion venture to fifty if he was sure to conclude the Business, 'tis true if it was to be paid in Broad cloth at sixty or seventy* ℔ Cent advance the Originall Sum would not be above thirty thousand, which we suppose to be their meaning when they wrote that Letter.

We cant understand why Messrs. Pitt & Rawth. shoud ever think [of] compounding this debt for 5,000 Pags unless they meant much Principll. in Broad cloth at 70 ℔ Ct. advance.

Mr. Pit shoud have left the papers relating to this affair here, but we can find nothing of that kind nor can Mr. Raworth give us any light into [ye.] matter; however we will [try] our best for yor. Interest. The Presidt. has prevented any trouble from ye. Governmt. [on] this accot.

162. Mr Pitt would have done well to have left the papers relating to this affair in the Secretarys Office, or in some other hands yt we might have known which way they stated the Accot; & what the ill practises were which they discoverd in Iapa Chittys Accot. but there is not one Scrip of Paper to be found, not so much as the Copy of what wrote the new Company upon this subject; we have examind Mr Raworth who tells us that thô he signd the Letter he was very little acquainted with the affair, and could not satisfie us in any one particular, so that we are obligd to hunt in the Dark, which will make the affair very tedious to conclude, tho we promise to use our utmost endeavours, and your President has already taken the proper measures to prevent any disturbance from the Government on Accot. of this Debt.

There is no copy of the Paper entitled debts due to ye old Tobacco Farmers nor can we learn ye particulars.

163. The Paper mentiond in your 80th. Paragraph entitled an Accot of what owing to the old Tobacco Farmers, by what we can gather was put into the Packett by your late President just as it was shutting up, but no copy to be found nor can we learn the particulars of it from him.

We hope ye. present Index to yr. Consultas. will please

164. We hope the method in which your Consultations are now margined and Index'd will be to your satisfaction.

Goods wants. ℔ sevll. ships shall be enquird into when this is gone.

165. The Accot. of goods wanting in severall Ships shall be strictly scruitinied into, as soon as this Ship is saild.

The silver directed for partic persons is deliverd, & we shall observe yor. orders concerng. Mr Fredericks silver ℔ Stretham.

166. The severall parcells of silver orderd in your 87th. Paragraph for Particular Persons, are all deliver'd, and we shall punctually observe your directions concerning the silver sent on the Stretham on [Accot.] of Mr. Thomas Frederick, but his fathers orders are directed to the President only and not to the Board.

167. We have made a Demand of the two hundred and fifteen pounds five shillings and six pence which M^r^. Fraser receivd for salary as Second of Fort S^t^. George, to which he return'd an answer in writing as enter'd after our Consultation dated the 8^th^. Septem^r^. and upon examining your Letter by the Heathcote we observe that after finding fault with the manner of his being turn'd out, & forbidding such methods for the future, your Hon^rs^. are pleasd to rein[state] him, so that we humbly conceive he has then a right to his Salary during suspension, and upon Examination of the Books we find that no person receivd Salary as Second all that time till the 1^st^ of Feb^ry^: 1709 so that there was no Seconds Salary paid from y^e^ 22^d^ August 1707 (the time of M^r^. Frasers suspension) to the 1^st^ of Feb^ry^. 1709 when M^r^. Martin was made Second, which is seventeen months nine days, wherefore with humble Submission since your order to demand the mony back is grounded upon some body else having receiv'd the Seconds Salary, which appears to be a mistake in your Accomptant, we hope you will not be angry if we only oblige M^r^. Fraser to refund one hundred forty five Pag^s^. two fanams and one cash, which is what salary was paid to Mess^rs^. Martin and Mountague during his Suspension.

Mr. Fraser gave an answr. in writing to our demd. of £. 215: s. d. 5: 6 pd. him as 2d. during his suspension & since Yor. orders seem to be grounded on some body's else receiving 2ds. Salary we think we can only oblige him to refund Pags. 145: 2: 1, that was paid Messrs. Martin & Mountague as 2ds.

168. John Mason our Secretarys Covenants and bond to perform [y^m^.] are signd and come by the Packett.

John Mason has signd his covents.

169. M^r^. Fleet Answorth petitiond Us some time ago to lay down y^e^. Service and come for Europe upon this Ship, but we have perswaded him to stay till he hears from his friends, your Hon^rs^. are pleasd to say in your 90^th^. Paragraph that he may enter into Covenants as a Factor sooner than the usuall time if we find him Capable, but the time of commencement in the Covenants is already filld up, so that it is out of our power to alter it.

Fleet Aynsworth Petitiond to go home wch. we diswaded him from.

170. Able and ingenious Men are so scarce among Us notwithstanding the great number of your Covenanted Servants, who are most of them too young to be employd in the most valuable part of your Business, that we gladly lay hold of the opportunity you give Us to entertain M^r^. William Nanny Factor in your Service, and intend him for the Accomptants Office, for which he is very well qualified; and now having, answer'd every thing in your Hon^rs^. Letter under this Head, we must begg your patience while we relate some particular passages touching your Acco^ts^. that have given Us a great deal of trouble and concern.

Mr. Wm. Nanney entertaind Factor, pursuant to the Liberty granted by the Compa.

171. Upon your Prsidents arrivall here and the changing the severall Offices belonging to the Councill, and particularly that of the Warehouse from M^r^. Martin to M^r^. Davenport an Acco^t^. of remains was taken and pass'd from one to the other, but not compar'd w^th^. the Generall Books because we had resolvd to establish an Order that there should be a thoro' acco^t^. of remains annually taken before the ballance of the Books in Aprill, not doubting but that M^r^. Hunt who had so universall a good Charecter for his exactness in Book keeping, had taken care that the adjustments were right when he ballanc'd the year before, but when we came to adjust the remains in Aprill last with y^e^. Ballance of your books that come by this Ship; we were greatly surprizd to find one hundred thirty two thousand six hundred twenty two Rupees and three Anas and six hundred Eighty seven pounds two ounces nine penny weights and fifteen grains of Silver wanting, besides Broad Cloth and severall other articles as ℔ List enterd after our Consultation of the 29^th^. of August; this being a matter of so great importance and M^r^. Hunt dead who ballanced the Last Books, and was the only person who could give us any insight into the matter, your present Accomptant was obligd to revise all the Warehouse Acco^ts^. and three setts of Books Backwards in order to fix these considerable wants so that it was the 4^th^. of July before he could deliver in his report upon sure grounds, with an abstracted Acco^t^. Currant and an Explination thereof when immediately the President w^th^. y^e^. Accompt^t^. Warehousekeep^r^. and M^r^. Benyon went thorô the said acco^t^. carefully comparing every article with the Warehouse and Mint

Upon changing the warehouse employ from Mr. Martin to Mr. Davenport an accot. remns. was taken wch. coming to compare wth. the Genll. Books in Aprill last, there appeard to be wanting Rups. 132622: 3: lb. Silver 687: oz. dwt. gr. 2: 9: 15, besides Broad Cloth & other things.

hereupon the Genll. Books & Warehouse Accots.

are revisd & examind by ye. Presidt. Accots. Warehsekr. & Mr. Benyon.

Acco[ts]. and the Generall Books, and reported the whole to the Board in Consultation of the 17[th]. of July to which be pleasd to lett us referr You, only taking notice that the whole quantity of rupees and Silver to a Trifle, appear'd to be wanting in M[r]. Raworths time, which [he] having some intimation of wrote for leave to come up, and easily obtaind it upon the foregoing consideration, severall steps in the meantime were made towards unravelling this mistery, as your Hon[rs]. may please to observe in our Consultation of the 22 July, but we were not able to make any discovery before M[r]. Raworth arrivd from Fort St. David, which was the 9[th]. of August, and the 11[th]. in Consultation the President calls upon him for the Rupees and Silver wanting, upon which he profess'd he had been notoriously abus'd, desiring some time to examine [T]onapa the Conicoply and to look over the Warehouse Acco[ts]. which was agreed to, and upon perusing the Report made in Consultation the 17[th]. July he acquies'd to the exactness of it without any exception.

From whence these deficiencys are provd to arise in Mr. Rawths. time, upon wch. he comes up hither & being calld upon for them declares himself to be abusd by ye. conicopl, desires time to examine him & the Warehouse accots., wch. done, he acknowledges the exactness of our report.

Mr. Raworth acknowledges ye. Rupees & Silver wanting and is condemnd to make them good.

172. On the 22d. of August M[r]. Raworth deliverd in a memoriall [as] enterd after that Consultation, wherein he acknowledges the who[le] quantity both of Rupees and Silver wanting, thrô the ill practise[s] of the Conicoply in whom he had put too great a Confidence; our Consultation of the 25[th]. of August will shew your Hon[rs]. our reason[s] why we have condemnd him to pay the mony, which we hope will meet with your approvall, as well as the other particulars therein Contain'd, the 2[d]. of Sep[t]. last M[r]. Raworths makes plain proof in Consultation of Thirty nine thousand nine hundred seventy seve[n] Rupees taken out of y[e]. Warehouse at Severall times by Tonapa th[e] Conicoply, with the persons names to whom sold, and when & where he receivd the mony, and since M[r]. Raworths departure from hence we have discover'd another parcell which the said Tonnapa sold to one of your joynt Stock Merchants, for which he receiv'd five thousand Pag[s]. we do not doubt but time will bring more of his villainy's to light, but it is a great Misfortune that he is not in circumstances to make preparation, which indeed M[r]. Raworth ought to have considerd before he put so unreasonable a Confidence in him, all y[e] villain has to say for himself is that he paid the Rupees in again within two months after he took th[em] out, but your Hon[rs]. will be convinced to the Contrary upon perusi[ng] Our Consultations.

Severall frauds of Tonapas discoverd.

The Broad Cloth, white Lead &ca wanting cant be fixed upon [a]ny particulr. Whsekeepr. but having recourse to ye. conicoply [he] owns to have sold ye. two former & to be accotble. for ye. mony.

173. The next thing that offer'd was the List of other particulars wanting in the Warehouse, as enter'd after our Consultation of the 29[th]. of August, of which the most considerable Articles are the white Lead & Broad cloth, which we could not fix upon any particular Warehousekeepers time, because there has been no thorô Acco[t]. of remains taken upon the adjustment of the generall Books since M[r]. Thomas Wright left that Employ Anno 1706, so that we were obligd to have recourse to the Conicoply, who very impudently told Us in Consultation that he had sold the cloth and white Lead & was accountable for the mony.

In ye. next place Mr. Raworth's Warehouse

174. In the next place Robert Raworths warehousekeep[rs]. Acco[t]. came to be consider'd upon which there was a ballance due of Pag[s]. Ten thousand four hundred fifty nine, twenty fanams and four Cash, ever since the last of August

Anno 1710, when he deliverd the Warehouse over to M^r^. Martin, upon examination of the Warehouse Acco^t^. it appear'd very plainly that great part of this sum, was likewise due from Tonapa, for mony receivd of Outcrys & never paid in, but having been so long neglected and transported from Books to Books without any complaint ever made to the Board, we have likewise orderd this to be chargd to M^r^. Raworths particular Acco^t^ :

Accot. was considerd [in] wch. there was Pags. 10459 : 20 : 4. due ever since Augst. 1710, wch. we charge to his Accot.

175. Next we came to consider a ballance of seven thousand three hundred seventy two Pag^s^. seventeen fanams due from William Martin and Robert Raworth joynt Warehousekeep^rs^. whichis of a longer standing than the other, having been due ever since the last of Jan^ry^. Anno 1708/9 and upon Examination of the Warehouse Acc^ts^. of that time, this Debt likewise Plainly appears to be due from Jonapa for mony which he receivd on Acco^t^. goods sold at Outcry & kept in his own hands thrô the remisness of the Warehousekeep^r^ : we thought in justice that this ballance with the interst ought also to have been made good by the joynt Warehousekeep^rs^. and should have so determind but that M^r^. William Martin deliverd in a memoriall as entered after our Consultation of the 29^th^ of August wherein he sets forth that M^r^. Raworth was forcibly put in joynt Warehousekeep^r^ with him by Gov^r^ Pitt and the Keys wholly entrusted to him, thô it was M^r^ Martin's Station to have been sole Warehousekeep^r^ so that since the management was taken out of his hand he hopes he shall not be accountable, with other Arguments for which we begg you will be, referrd. To the said Memoriall, to which M^r^ Raworth returnd Answer the 2^d^ of September as enter'd after Consultation of the same date, & M^r^ Martin replyed the 4^th^ a copy of which comes in the Packett no. 28, in these three Papers your Hon^rs^. will see their severall Arguments what appears to Us to be matter of fact is, that M^r^. Raworth in a manner did all the Business, but whether this was with M^r^ Martins approbation or not we cant tell, only we observe that there is no complaints made by M^r^ Martin in Councill, and that he voluntarily set his hand to the severall months Warehouse Acco^ts^. some of this Board remember very well that Gov^r^ Pitt joyn'd M^r^. Raworth w^th^. M^r^. Martin, upon the death of M^r^ Empson, as thinking the trust too great for M^r^. Martin Singly, however if he had thought any wrong was done him, he might have complaind in a publick Manner, which would now have appeared for his justification we have at both their requests agreed to referr this matter to [your] Hon^rs^. decision, M^r^ Raworth having already acquies'd to [make] good his proportion as soon as mony comes in.

Next there appears a ballce. of Pags 7372. 17: due from Wm. Martin & Robt. Rawth. Joynt Warehsekrs., wch. We shoud have condemnd them to have paid joyntly but Mr. Martin disputes the case & desires the matter may be referrd to yor. Honrs. decision, wch. we do accordingly only Mr. Rawth. acquiesces to pay his share.

176. In the last place we came to M^r^. Martin's Ballance due when he was sole Warehousekeep^r^, which was to the time your President arrivd, and this amounts to four thousand nine hundred & Six pag^s^. six fanams and four Cash, which it is true Tonapa confesses himself to be Debtor for, and indeed there is no room to doubt it, but we did not think that M^r^. Martin would have disputed making it good, after having so readily consented and sign'd to w^t^ we have done in the Case of M^r^. Raworth, but instead of that he has given Us the Trouble of two memorialls enter'd after our Consultations of the 11^th^ and 15^th^ of Septemb^r^ : every article of w^ch^ (in reguard that he was a member of this Board) we debated while he was present, giving him a fair opportunity to reply, & we humbly begg your Hon^rs^. will be referr'd to our Consultations of the 11^th^ & 19^th^ for our candid opinion of the Matter, we could not refuse him an appeal upon his giving Security to make good the Debt if your Hon^rs^ : shall order it to be paid by him.

Lastly we came to Mr. Martin sole Warehsekrs ballce. amotg. to Pags. 1906. 6. 4 wch. we have awarded him to pay, but he desiring an appeal to yor Honrs. we have granted ye same upon his giving security.

177. And now we have laid these Matters before your Hon^rs^. it will undoubtedly be expected we should tell you how so many & so considerable abuses have been introduc'd among your Affairs, & what methods we propose to prevent the like mismanagements for the future.

It may now be expected we shoud tell yor. Honrs. how these abuses have been introduced and the methods we have taken to provent the like in future.

Had yor. former Presidt. employd his Thoughts on yor. Business he woud have missd so large a qt. of rupas., & yor. Book-keepr. must know it If he made any manner of adjustmts but we fear Mr. Hunt was in the secret.

178. Had your former President been man that carryed any scheme of your business in his head, he would easily have miss'd one hundred and thirty two thousand Rupees, when we never coin any but to send down to the Bay, and now and then sell a few here after the Season is over, and 'tis a wonder the Gentlemen in Bengall did not miss them out of their Stock to which they actually belong'd but it was impossible your Book-keeper could be ignorant of the matter if he made any sort of adjustments when he came to a ballance, and we have shrewd reasons to believe yet Mr Hunt was in the Secret.

There has been an unreasond.Trust reposd in ye Conicoply, who gave no Security, & he has not been calld to accot. as he ought.

179. There has been an unwarrantable trust reposd in the Conicoply who it is true was put in by the Govern^r. & Councill when Mr. Wright was Warehouse-keepr. upon his offering to give good Security as your Honrs. may please to read in Consultation dated the 17th Decemr. 1702, but no Security was ever given, and therefore the more care ought to have been taken of him, instead of which he has had the sole disposall of every thing in the Warehouse, and has not been calld to Accot. so frequently as he ought to be, which is the best security that can ever be had for people in that Employ.

To prevent these hazards of yor. Estate for ye future, We have established these following Rules.

180. To prevent your Estates from running these unnecessary hazards for the future we have order'd that when a new Warehousekeepr enters upon that Employ he shall choose his own Conicoply provided he will be security for him and the Board has no just reason to except against him.

181. That if the Warehousekeepr will not recommend, and the Conicoply is put in by the Board, security shall be taken and enter'd upon the Consultations, wth ye Persons names and ye Sum.

182. That the Conicoply shall never be permitted to go into the Silver Godwn without the Warehousekeepr or his assistant.

183. That the Conicoply be not permitted to buy himself at any outcry nor to take any goods out of the Godown without paying ready mony.

184. That all Outcrys be made for ready mony if possible, without manifest prejudice to the sales, and if we are forcd to sell for time that all persons shall clear their goods by a note of their hand payable at the time appointed, which notes the Warehouse-keepr. shall indorse when he receives the mony.

185. That notice be given throughout the town not to pay any mony to Conicoplys without such notes, upon penalty of paying it over again.

186. That if the Conicoply delays paying in any mony receivd, he be immediately clapd up and the Board made acquainted.

And if ye. Warehouse-keepr. does not keep to these rules he is accountable himself.

187. That if the warehousekeepr. does not keep to these rules he is & always ought to be accountable for all Losses and frauds of the Conicoplys, and we are very sure if they are duly observd no Conicoply can ever get mony enuff into his hands to make it worth his while to play the knave so that a very small Security would serve.

It is hard to believe such a strange confidence should be put in a Conicoply wth. out private views or that such large sums coud be hid wth. out yor. Accotts. mouth was stopd.

188. It is very easy for your Honrs. to imagine that there are some extraordinary reasons when such a strange trust and confidence is repos'd in a Conicoply, and it is hardly credible that such considerable ballances as these, should lye so long undiscover'd and uncalld for unless the Bookeepers mouth was stop'd but we hope effectuall Methods are taken to prevent the like hereafter.

189. We need not expatiate upon the negligence in the Warehouse Acco[ts]. that is sufficiently demonstrated by the abuses that could not otherwise have happen'd those that have been faulty will suffer sufficiently in their fortunes, and particularly M[r]. Raworth who will be stripd of a very-pretty fortune when these Debts are paid, for Tonapa the Conicoply has sent all to Sea in a ridiculous manner so that of between eighteen and nineteen Thousand Pag[s]. which we have laid our hands on, we can hardly ever hope to recover one quarter part, and Mr. Raworth has already made good to your Cash Forty five thousand Pag[s]. which we humbly hope (his good Services in the Fort St. David war consider'd) will entitle him to your Compassion.

We have siezd on Pags. about 19000, of Tonapa's in adventures abroad but they are so ridiculously disposed that we fear we shant recover ¼ part. Mr. Raworth has already made good 45000 Pags.

190. Your President humbly hopes you will not censure him because these discoverys were not made before the last Ships saild, things were in generall in so much confusion when he arrivd, that w[t]. with the necessary regulations in the Government of the Place the Dispatch of your Shipping and revising all your former orders and Letters, he had not a liezure day till after the Avarilla saild, and all the world will bear him wittness very few since; but besides there was a great deal of pains taken to concea[l] the affair of the Rupees and Silver as long as it was possible to be done.

Yor. Presidt. hopes you will not censure him because these discoverys were not made sooner, for he has been in continuall fatigue ever since his arrivall in making other necessary regulations.

191. Matthew Empson Warehousekeep[r]. stands Debtor upon your Books a ballance of Pag[s]. two thousand eight hundred Forty six, thirty five fanams and five Cash which ballance has stood so long without due enquiry, that your President can get little or no light into the Matter only 'tis agreed on all hands that M[r]. Empson could not be indebted himself, because he never touchd any thing belonging to the Warehouse, nor never receivd one Pagoda of mony whilst he had the Warehouse under his charge, but all was Transacted by Tonapa, and consequently the Ballance must lie in his hands, but it is very strange that seing this Gentleman died intestate, and Mess[rs]. Martin & Raworth were order'd in Consultation of the 8[th]. of Jan[ry]. to settle the Warehouse Acco[ts]. yet not one word should ever be enter'd upon any of the Consultations relating to the Warehouse ballance, what was done in settling it, or from whom they judg'd it to be due; and it is yet more unaccountable that upon the Arrivall of the Heathcote your new President Addison should so readily pay away the ballance of M[r]. Empson's Estate remaining in your Cash to the Widdow's attorneys, as your Hon[rs]. will find in Consultation of the 28[th]. of Sep[t]. 1709, pretending that it was conformable to your Orders when upon perusall of your Letter by the Heathcote, we find it directly contrary to the very words of your 66[th]. paragraph; we intend as soon as this Ship is dispatchd to make one essay more towards unravelling this Acco[t]. and the six Chests of Silver formerly mention'd which was so misterious an Article, that when M[r]. Hunt your Book keep[r]. was living, he either could not or would not give Us any Satisfaction therein, but in our opinion the truth of the matter is, he usd to take the adjustments of the Books from the Warehouse Conicoply instead of a true Acco[t]. of remains, by which means the said Conicoply had an opportunity of doing just what he pleased and this has been one of the Cheif causes of all the disorders & mistakes that have happend, so hard to be found out and amended.

Relating to a ballce. of Pag[s]. 2846: 35: 5. wch. Mattw. Empson Whsekr. stands Dr. for the discovery of wch we shall go upon wn this ship is dispatchd.

As also six Chests of Silver wanting.

192. There is an old debt upon your books under the head of Comrapa &ca weavers, which upon enquiry we find was for mony lent them in M[r]. Higginson's time to build houses in Triblicane the Principalls are dead but your President found upon his Arrivall two old men that have layn many years in goal upon that Acco[t]. very poor and miserable, wherefore we thought it both charitable and

There is an old debt upon Yor. Books calld Comrapa &ca Weavers for wch. there have been

two poor old men in prison, many years, whom we have releasd.

prudent to discharge them, and lett them work at their Trade rather than keep them longer in prison at your Expence (vide) Consultation the 3d. of March.

Mr. Collet delivers in a memoriall setting forth yt. he thot. his Silver had come in the Dartmouths Treasure & refers his case to Yor. Honrs. he likewise delivers in an Accot. charges he has been at in bringing hither Ship Jane, & desires an allowa for freight & the passengers wch. is also referrd to yr. Honrs.

193. When your Deptv. Governr. Collett arriv'd here in the Jane he deliver'd Us a memorial concerning his Silver paid into your Honrs. Treasury which he thought had comeupon the Dartmouth; the said memoriall is enterd after our Consultation of the 16th. of June, and in Answer thereto, we shewd him the paragraph No. 133 of your generall Letter by the Dartmouth relating to that affair upon which he humbly refers it to your Consideration; at the same time Mr. Collet likewise deliverd in an Accot. of wages and expences for bringing the Ship from Rio Janeiro humbly requesting reasonable allowance for the freight of your Honrs. goods and twelve passengers, officers and Soildiers which he brought hither on your Accot. all these papers are enterd after Consultation of the 16th of June and submitted to your pleasure whether we shall make him any allowance or no, we may venture to say in his favour that he has behavd himself much like a man of parts in this affair & is no gainer by the purchase of the Ship, which he bought more for the benefit of your affairs on the West Coast than out of any prospect of private advantage to himself.

We have extracted all your standing orders & rang'd them in proper form for ye. perusall of your servts. Yor. G Lres from ye. 11th Aprll. 88 to Ye 10th Aprll. 93 are missing wherefore we desire copys.

194. We have now extracted all your standing orders & Rules out of what generall Letters we could find and have raing'd them in Alphabeticall order with a proper index for the perusall of all your Servants, but we are very sorry to tell you so little care has been taken of your most considerable records, that not one half are to be found, and among those that are missing are your generall Letters from that of the 11th of Aprill Anno 1688 to that of the 10th of Aprill 1693 which we desire may be copied and sent Us by ye next Shipping and we promise better Care shall be taken for ye future.

We likewise desire copys of yor. Invos. during ye. war.

195. We likevise humbly desire Duplicates of all your Invoices during the Warr, for we have been much puzzled for want of the Janes and such accidents may happen again as the Captains are obligd to sink their papers in case of Danger.

196. If any thing is deficient in this head, it shall be supply'd in our Letter to your Accomptant by the next Ship.

Eighthly Touching the West Coast.

We have perusd the wt. Coast Letter.

197. We have carefully perus'd the Copy of the West Coast Letter sent Us dated the 6th. of Febry and shall make use of all the hints you have been pleasd to give Us therein as occasion serves.

On the 19th March arrivd the Toddington from Ye. Wt. Coast wth news of the D. G. Ettrick's & Sevll. others Death D. Govrs. Character & management

198. Our last years Letters inform'd your Honrs. what methods we had taken to supply the West Coast with Kentilage, upon information that there was no salt petre left in your Godowns, and that we had receivd no letters from them since the Frederick Sept. 1710, on the 19th. of March arrivd here the Toddington with an Accot. that your Deptv. Governr. Ettrick, Mr. William Douglas one of the Councill, and Henry Griffith your Accomptant were dead: that Mr. Ettrick being of a cruell temper and quarrelsome disposition had embroild your affairs ten times worse than ever any body did before him, by murthering a Pangran in cold blood, and severall skirmishes with the Natives, in which he took more delight yn. in the management of your Mercantile affairs, he tyranniz'd over all your Servants,

monopoliz'd the Arack and other Farms, particularly Salt, which he engross'd almost to the ruin of the place, and died indebted to your Cash upwards of nine Thousand Dollars. in Yor. affairs.

199. The same Letter adds that if there were not some speedy good methods taken, all the northern Settlements would be entirely lost, whereupon we dispatch'd away your Ship President as soon as possible with provisions, necessary Stores, bale Goods to truck for Pepper, and proper instructions for their Conduct till they heard further from Us, as in Letter Book N°. 47, resolving to keep the Toddington till the beginning of May in hopes by that time to hear some news of the Jane, that we all along belive'd was gone to Brazile, however that we might be prepar'd we sent for M^r^. Philip Baker up from Fort St. David, a person well skilld in Acco^ts^. intending to send him with an independant power to examine the Books and Acco^ts^. because we did not find ourselves qualified by your Orders to make any alteration in the Government till we had certain news what was become of the Jane, and M^r^. Baker being out of Order it was the 24^th^ of May before he was in a condition to proceed at which time the Jane arrivd and occasion'd our taking new Resolutions. They likewise add that all their N^r^. thern settlem^ts^. if we do not send them speedy help, upon wch. we dispatch ye. Presid^t^ wth. wt. most necessary, but keep ye; Toddington in hopes to hear of ye. Jane & had sent for M^r^. Baker to go Sup^r^vizor there [and] as soon as he was ready the Jane arrived.

200. Before we go any farther we must acquaint your Hon^rs^. that M^r^. Ettrick before his decease had turn'd Mess^rs^. Kingsley & Stother'd out of his Councill, and M^r^. Daniel who succeeded him without much enquiry into the Merits of the Cause, sent them both over hither upon the Toddington with their familys, the crimes they charg'd them with were so imperfectly explaind in their Letter that for want of the Generall Books which they pretended could not be got ready to send, we were not able to make a true judgment whether they were guilty or not, and finding great appearance of malice and revenge, as well as some mistakes in w[ch] Acco^ts^. they did send, we resolvd to send these people back for a thoro' examination of their cause, and have given full direction concerning them in our Instructions to M^r^. Collet and Council N°. 73 to which we humbly begg you will please to be referr'd, as also to our Consultations of the 24^th^ and 27^th^ March, for a full relation of this affair. Messrs. Kingsley & stother'd being turnd out of the Councill were sent over hither upon the Toddington, & are returned upon her for a rehearing by Mr. Collett.

201. The Toddington likewise brought one Daniell Evans turn'd out of your Service for the shamefull surrender of Manduta Paggo and all your effects to Rajah Sillemon, of which he had the charge upon Examination into this matter we could not find in the Consultations that this Evans had any fair hearing and having a great deal to say in his own justification, we have likewise permitted him to return with M^r^. Collett in order to have a fair tryall and to be disposd of according as his behaviour appears to have been. Daniel Evans likewise returnd for a rehearing.

202. As soon as M^r^. Collett was arriv'd we proceeded to the settling of the West Coast Councill, in which we regulated ourselves by the late advices receivd from thence, and had sent him away in very few Days, but that he was unexpectedly taken ill, however we made shift to dispatch him the 16^th^ June, with full instructions grafted upon your Hon^rs^. orders out of England, to which we begg leave to referr you being enter'd in our Letter Book N°. 79. We dispatchd Mr. Collett ye. 16th June & had done it sooner but for his illness.

203. Cap^t^. Blow Commander of the Toddington having upon Examination given Us a very particular Acco^t^. of your West Coast affairs & particularly severall abuses that have been committed, we tho^t^. him a proper person to sit third in Councill of Bencoolen & Second at Bentall during the time he stays upon y^e^. Coast, Whereby he will be the better able to give You full information of y^or^. affairs at his Return. Capt. Blow orderd to sit 3d. of Councill at Bencoolen & 2d. at Bentall.

204. The main reason why we have entertain'd so many people here to send over, was upon Complaint, that they had not hands to do the necessary writing work which has allways been the excuse for not keeping up your Acco^ts^. besides tis necessary to make provision for Mortality before hand, otherwise when a usefull person or two come to drop all your business runs behind hand till they The Reasons why we entertaind many for ye. Wt. Coast Service.

can have a fresh Supply, and we do assure you that such persons as we have now sent are not allways to be had.

We sent p Ship Toddington Sundry Goods amot^{g}. to Pags. 7178: fas. 35: cash 52.

205. We sent upon Ship Toddington sixty seven bales of Longcloth white and Blew, shirts, quilts and Soldiers cloths, four hundr^{d}. bags of Salt petre, two hundred of Salt and six hundred of Rice, ten chests of Syrash wine, fourteen hundred fifty three small peices of red wood, a chest of Medicines, twenty Candy of Gunpowder with severall other Factors provisions amount^{s}. to seven Thousand one hundred seventy Eight Pag^{s}. thirty five fan^{s}. and fifty two Cash; which will be a considerable help to the loading home of this years Shipping; and we must acquaint your Hon^{rs}. we observ'd so many good qualifications in your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. whilst he was here, that if it pleases God to spare his Life, there is no manner of doubt but your West Coast Settlem^{ts}. will flourish.

We have advices from ye. Wt. Coast dated 28th July, when ye. Toddington was not arrivd, They tell as Mr. Daniel is dead & succeeded by Mr. Hunter: Sevll. particulars of ye. latters good Management. We will do all in our power to make yor. affairs there flourish.

206. On the 21st Ultimo we receivd our last Letters from Bencoolen by a Ship bound to Bengall that put them ashoar at Vizagapatam they bear date the 23^{d}. & 28th of July, at which time we are surpriz'd that the Toddington was not arriv'd because she saild hence the 17th of June which is a very long passage at that Season; they write Us that M^{r}. John Daniel is dead & that M^{r}. John Hunter succeeds him, who by his mild treatm^{t}. to the Natives has very well reestablishd your affairs, and reduc'd near half the Expences; all the Godowns were full of pepper, &, your Ship Success Cap^{t}. Keble that arrivd there the 23^{d}. of July was preparing to load for England, but we suppose the Toddington will arrive time enuff to be first dispatch'd your Ship President was employd in fetching pepper from the Subordinate places, and we do not doubt but you will have a large quantity home this Season; nothing shall be wanting on our parts to contribute towards making your West Coast Settlements as flourishing as they are capable of, and we shall have an hundred Bales of proper Goods ready to send them, by the first Ship that comes over hither, the profit upon which will be a main help to defray their Expences, and in our next we hope to give your Hon^{rs}. more Satisfaction upon this Subject.

We hope you will think fit to send one of yor. outward bound Ships for yr. Wt. Coast first hithr.

207. We hope you will be pleas'd to consider how much it is your Interest, that at least one of your West Coast Ships should touch here outward bound to carry the necessary Supplys of Kentilage & Cloth which otherwise must go upon freight at a considerable Expence.

We cannot prevail wth. our Lascars to go Bencoolen.

208. We cannot prevail with any Lascars to go over & Settle at Bencoolen, being terrified with the badness of the Climate, but when we come to hear from M^{r}. Collett, we do not doubt but some other method may be found to save great part of the Expence of Boat hire, having fully discoursd him upon that Subject, and every thing else we could think of for the good of the place.

Of the French, Dutch, Danes & Seperate Stock Ships.

The two ffrench Ships that took the Dutchess proceed for Mocho there take in a loading of Coffee & depart for France.

209. The two ffrench Ships that took the Dutchess on y^{e}. Malabarr Coast last year, went to Mocho in Decemb^{r}. with both their prizes, where we are advisd they took on board seven thousand Bales of Coffee, and after having sold the Dutchess to one Bonner Master of a Ship belonging to M^{r}. Adams of Callicut for five thousand Eight hund^{d}. Dollars, they left Mocho the latter end of July, intending for Don Mascareen and thence directly for France; they carry back with them Eighty thousand Spanish Dollars or thereabouts, which they were not able to lay out.

We expect to see Monsr. Boynot wth. two large Ships in these parts next Season. The ffrench Settlemts. are in great Streights to subsist.

210. We have not heard of any other French Ships in India this Season, but the Jane met at Isle de Grand near Brazile with one Mons^{r}. Boineau (a person well known in these parts) comm^{dr}. of two stout Ships bound to Peru and from thence to Canton in China and Pullichery, so that we may expect to see them her[e] next Season; The Factorys of Pullicherry, Bengall & Surat are reducd to very great necessitys for want of mony to Subsist.

211. The Dutch continue to sail every where in Squadron's so y^{t}. they are out of fear of the french attacking them, and in continuall hopes that the storm will fall upon Us; Batavia is observd to decline very much & their Investments upon this Coast, have not been so considerable this last year as usuall.

Ye. Dutch sail in Squadrons to secure themselves & hope the Storm will fall on us. Batavia begins to decline & their Investm^{ts}. on this Coast lessen.

212. The Danes have had no Ship from Europe this year or the last, nor have they any to send home this Season, they make hard shift to maintain their Garrison, and if not relievd this next year will be in most miserable Circumstances.

The Danes have had no Ship these 2 years & can hardly maintain their Garrison.

213. The Seperate Stock Ships now remaining in India are the John and Elizabeth, Mermaid & Arabella; the John & Elizabeth has made every year a successfull Trip to Persia and is now lately arrivd here from thence, having touchd at Muscat by the way, where they purchasd two hundred & fifty bags of Coffee wth. which & what they can pick up here they intend home this Season.

The Separate Ships among us are ye. Jno. & Eliza. Mermaid & Arrabella, how the said Ships have been employd & wt. they intend to do with themselves.

214. The Mermaid arrivd here in August from Judda making a miserable Voyage, she saild for Bengall the 20th. of Sep^{t}. in order to load for Europe; The Arabella is now here, but intends in few Days to sail for Batavia where the Cap^{t}. proposes to load her wth. Arrack and return for Europe with the Dutch Fleet they would have all three stayd another year in India if we would have Employ'd them, but finding your Orders so severe upon that Subject, we would by no means incurr your displeasure, thô the Gentlemen in Bengall that had our mony in their hands as usual to employ at discretion were pleasd (notwithstanding the assurances given your Hon^{rs}. which you are pleasd to mention in y^{e} 59 paragraph of yours by the Heathcote 1708) to interest sev^{ll}. of Us in the Mermaid without our Knowledge or consent, for which we are no way culpable, and thô the fault has been laid usually upon your Servants here, 'tis well known that those Ships have been cheifly supported in Bengall; and if your Councill there would annually have let out a Ship of yours, we might have had the Separate Ships up at the Sea gate for sale long agoe, and have bought them good penny worths, we are glad to find there are no more of them to come Among Us, for we have more good Ships of our own than we can find profitable employment for.

Yor. Servts. in the Bay are in fault that these Ships have fared so well.

SUPPLEMENT OF WHAT HAS BEEN OMITTED IN FOREGOING & WHAT HAS HAPPEN'D SINCE.

215. One of your Ensigns at Fort S^{t}. David by name Thomas Kirkbred whom we had preferr'd for his Bravery in the time of the Warr deserted from his Guard the 5th Ultimo, with a Sergeant two Corporalls and Two private Centinels, and Marchd directly to the Duan at Arcott, who has entertain'd them into his Service, but we are using all possible means to retrieve them.

An Ensign wth. 5 Men deserted from Fort St. David.

216. In our Consultation of the 11th Ultimo Cap^{t}. Thomas Beckford requested Seventy four Tuns of Salt Petre over and above his Kentilage to make the Ship sail worthy; for which his Originall request comes in the Packett N°. 30.

Capt. Beckford requested 74 tons of Salt petre more than Charter-party.

217. When M^{r}. Raworth went hence to Fort St. David, we deliver'd him your List for providing goods, that came out by this years Shipping; and order'd him to make the Contract for every sort of goods in proportion thereto; but to our

When Mr. Rawth. went hence we deliverd

Gim a list of Investmt. for 1,000 Bales, but he deviated from the same, taking in so great a No of fine Goods that we cond not agree to his Contract, & a months time has been lost in dispute.

great Surprize they wrote Us on the 16th Ult°. that they had agreed for a thousand bales to be ready by the 10th of January, but had taken eight thousand five hundred peices of Betteelas and Neckcloths, to Fifteen thousand p^{s}. of Long Cloth, whereas the whole proportion is but eleven thousand p^{s}. [*Lacunae* peices of Betteelas & Neckcloths to Fifty thousand of Long cloth, so that if we contract in proportion here your Hon^{rs}. will have about twenty nine thousand peices of Beteelas instead of Eleven thousand peices [*Lacuna*] which you have order'd; for which reason, we were obligd to refuse our consent to the said Contract; w^{ch}. affair they have contested with Us so long, as you may please to observe by their Letters, that at least a months time has been lost for providing goods.

Mr. Martin requests leave to go for England, wch. we cond not consent to.

218. On the 23^{d} Ultimo M^{r}. William Martin requested in Consultation that rather than give security for the payment of the Warehouse Debts, he might be permitted to embarque for England in January, which we thought we could not consent to, because of y^{r}. repeated Orders that Nobody should be permitted to go off the Shoar till all his Debts were paid, and especially those due to your Hon^{rs}.

We have allowd Mr. Legg his standing from his arrivall at Banjar & hope Yor. Hon^{rs}. will approve the same.

219. M^{r}. John Legg Register of the Mayors Court and a very deserving Person, who came out of England intended for Banjarr, & retired hither because that Factory was cutt off, petitioning Us that his standing might commence from his Arrivall at Banjarr; in consideration of his good Services we have consented in hopes of your Hon^{rs}. Approvall.

We had Storm here on ye. 4th in wch. sevll. Ships foundderd & sevll. drove from their Anchors.

220. On the 4th instant we had a sort of Monsoon, in which severall Ships lost their Anchors and putt to Sea; by good Providence it did not last long, but two Ships founder'd at an Anchor, one of six hundred Tuns richly loaden belonging to Abdull Gafore of Surat; and the other about two hundred Tuns, loaden with grain & other goods from Vizagapatam, the Ship and part of the Cargo belonging to Tonapa the Conicoply; one small Vessell was cast away near Sadrass; which is all the Damage we hear of, except that the vast rains which fell at the Fort St. David in the same storm have intirely laid all our bounds under water, and wash'd down some of the works.

On y^{e} 5th inst. Capt. Martin returnd into the Road having been chased back from Point Palmeras by 3 ffrench Ships. An Acct. of his engagemt. wth. & escape from them.

221. On the 5th instant arrived Ship Marlbrô Cap^{t}. Matthew Martin and acquaints Us that on the 4th Ult°. he mett off the false point of Palmeras with three ffrench Ships two of fifty to sixty Guns and one of twenty six or thereabouts; when he first saw them, they were so farr seperated from each other that he did not take them to be Enemies, thô his Ship was prudently made ready for defence; the biggest Ship & the little one gott well up with him about noon, and severall Broadsides were exchang'd, till a fresh Gale springing up the Marlbro had the advantage of Sailing, but so very little, that they chas'd her all that Day and the two following allmost as farr as Bimlepatam, and on the 7th in the morning she lost them in a Squall of wind and rain, and made the best of her way hither, because they spread themselves in such a manner, that she could not gett to the Northward of them, without being tore to peices, and if they had chasd her into Ballasore road, she must have Run a shoar for want of a Pilot or been taken; we have unladen the Treasure that was on Board her, and wait to here further advices of the Enemy before she proceeds: Cap^{t}. Martin requested Us in behalf of his Ships Company, to give them a gratuity of two ℔ Cent upon the Cargo, according to Act of Parliament, for the Defence of it, which we think is an affair more proper to come before Your Hon^{rs}. when the Ship returns, which was y^{e}. answer we gave Him.

We have recd. advices from Bengall that have dispatcd a small

222. The 8th. instant arriv'd a Gentue Ship from Bengall, & brought Us Letters dated the last of August, advising us of the foremention'd ffr^{ch}. Ships, and that they had sent a small vessell that sails very well to gett without them if possible, and give timely Notice to the expected Shipping, which we hope will

be a means to secure the Kent & Recovery from falling into their hands; the same Letters advice Us that the London, Darby and Mary are arriv'd that they

vessell that sails well to watch the ffrench Ships motions & give Notice of them to any of our Ships they [may] meet.

hop'd to dispatch the Darby in time for the Dutch Fleet, and the Mary some time in January, and that they will use their endeavours to get freight for the rest of the Shipping; but that the Troubles of the Country are worse than ever, and especially at Patna, as your Hon^rs^. may please to observe by a Copy of a Letter from thence, which comes in the packett N°. 31.

Severall other advices concerng. the disposition of Yo^r^. Shipping &ca:

223. They write Us further that the Howland was seen & spoke with in Acheen road the 17^th^. of May by a vessell belonging to Bengall, she was then under sail bearing back for Malacca, and Cap^t^. Cooke told the Supra Cargoe of the said Vessell that he would come round by way of Batavia hither.

The Howland was spoke wth. in Acheen Road Ye. 17th. May.

224. The Rev^d^: M^r^. Robert Jones your deceas'd Minister's Acco^t^: Curr^t^. & Outcry acco^t^: settled by the Paymaster comes in the Packett N°. 32.

the deed. Mr. Jones's Accot. Curr^t^.comes in the packet.

225. We must not omitt acquainting your Hon^rs^. that all the paper in generall by this last Shipping is very bad, and particularly that sort on which this Letter is wrote, and is a very great hindrance to our business as most of our Scribes are but Ordinary, & not able to write upon it; and we have receiv'd but half the Penknives mention'd in the Invoice.

The paper sent this year is bad.

226. Your Surgeons request that for the future what medicines you are pleasd to order for the use of this place, may be divided into two Chests, one containing two thirds of the quantity for the use of the Hospitall, and the other one third for your Covenanted Servants, because they practise distinctly, and dividing the Medicines here is hardly to be done as it should be for want of prope[r] things to put them in.

Yo^r^. Surgeons request that the Medicines may be divided into 2 Chests one q^ts^. 2oe. as much as the other.

227. M^r^. Josiah Chitty formerly of your Councill in Bengall, came up hither upon the S^t^. Andrew to settle his Acco^ts^. with severall inhabitants of this place, whose Factor he had been for some years past; your President and Councill in Bengall before they would le[t] him come oblig'd him to surrender up his houses, his own & his wives jewels, and all the effects he had by him to the Amount of forty or fifty thousand Rupees; and to make over all the adventures he had abroad of which they sent Us up a List, & desired Us to recover them for the use of his Creditors in the Bay, but as soon as this was known severall of his Creditors Inhabitants of this place appeared and demanded justice of Us praying that he might be oblig'd now he was here to settle his Acco^ts^. with them, and that they might attach what effects they could find towards making them Satisfaction, which we thought very reasonable as we are under obligation to be as solicitous for the welfare of our Inhabitants as the Gentlemen in the Bay for theirs, and there is this difference in the case that the Creditors here are Europeans, & those in the Bay black Brokers and Bannians; the Gentlemen in y^e^. Bay are very Angry pretending they would not have lett M^r^. Chitty come up, had they not thought we would have secur'd the mony for them; what fell into our hands was before he arriv'd here, and would have been put to the same uses, whether he had come or not, we humbly lay this affair before your Hon^rs^. for fear it may be misrepresented from the Bay.

M^r^. Josiah Chetty came up here to settle his Accots. wth. his Creditrs. but was first obligd in the Bay to make over all his Effects both at home and abroad for Satisfact^n^. of debts there, & ye. Gentlemen desire us to recover the same, but We do wt. we can for our own inhabitants for the follows. reasons. Wh. makes ye. People in ye. Bay very angry.

228. By the Dutchess that arrivd Calicutt in September we learn that the Stringer Gally was safe in Mocho, and that both she & the Nathaniell are like to have an early dispatch.

We hear that the Stringer Gally & Nathaniell are likely to have an early Dispatch from Moco

We have rec'd about 100 bales brown Goods from Vizm. & Ingm.

229. We have lately receiv'd about an hundred bales of Severall sorts of goods from Vizagapatam and Ingeram, but they are all Brown and could not be washd in time for this Ship, and therefore 'tis well we had made provision to fill her up without them.

The Report of ye. New Mogull's death is false.

230. The Report of the new Mogulls Death proves to be false by severall Perwanna's that are lately receiv'd from him by the great men in these parts.

Mr. Fraser &ca owners of ye. Satisfactn. whose cargo the Dutch siezd desire us to lay their case before yor. Honrs.

231. Mr. William Fraser &ca: Owners of Ship Satisfaction, which is the Ship out of which ye. Dutch Goverment of Malacca seizd & confiscated severall chests of Ophium; have desir'd us to lay their case before your Honrs. which is indeed a very hard one, & we humbly hope you will lend them your assistance towards recovering the mony so unjustly taken from them contrary to the Laws of all Nations, the owners petition comes in the packett N°. 33 and one Mackdonall that was mate of the Satisfaction comes passenger upon this Ship to prosecute the Dutch Company in behalf of ye. Owners.

An Accot. of the Silver sent out for Mr. Rudge comes in the Packet.

232. The three hundred and two Ounces of Silver mention'd in your Honrs. 87th. paragraph to be sent out to John Rudge deceas'd is receivd by your Paymaster, who has deliver'd in an Accot. of the same, Copy of which comes in the Packett N°. 58.

This Ships Cargo amots. to Pags. 180145 : 1 : 40 as ℔ Invoice.

233. Wee have loaden upon this Ship Fourteen hundred & fifty eight bale[s] which with Redwood and Salt Petre amount to One hundred & Eighty Thousand one hundred and forty-five Pags. one fanam & forty cash as by the Accompanying Invoice, of which a Duplicate comes in the flying Packett, which we hope will prove to your Satisfaction and we have deliverd the Capt. a small Bale writt upon musters which is incerted at the foot of the Invoice, and mention'd in the Bill of Loading; we should have dispatch'd this Ship four or five days ago, but for the incessant rains that have fallen.

An Accot. of Goods registered by capt. Beckford comes in ye. Packet.

234. Capt. Thomas Beckford Commander of the Dartmouth has deliver'd Us in an Accot. of goods to be register'd here, which comes in the Packett N°. 62.

235. We most heartily wish a safe arrivall to this Ship in particular prosperity to all your affairs in generall; being wth due Respect & Submission.

Fort St. George
ye 14th of Octr. 1712.

Honble Srs.
Your most Obedt. humble Servant[s]
Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederick.
Henry Davenport.
William Martin.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, PER DARTMOUTH.
OCTOBER 15, 1712. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, p. 72.*]

TO THE HON^BLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE.
UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^TS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble S^rs.

Since signing our generall of yesterdays date upon Discourse w^th. Cap^t. Matthew Martin of the Marlbro' we have agreed that it is by no means convenient or safe for his Ship to lye in this road the approaching moon but that it will be better to ply the sea and come in again after the bad weather is over, and whereas we are not sure what the designs of the French are, tho' in all probability they are gone to fitt at Mergen, we have order'd the Marlbro' and Dartmouth to keep comp^as together till they are clear of the Track of Ponticherry, and have put a Serjeant and twenty good Souldiers on board the Marlbro' to strengthen their Ships Company; we have taken the Treasure and bales out of her but the weather is so uncertain, that we could not take out the Iron and other heavy trade, without manifest danger of ruining the Ship in shifting her, and our Boats being employ'd in dispatching the Dartmouth, the other must have been forc'd to ride out the Monsoon in a dangerous Condition, as the Cap^ts will inform your Hon^rs. more at large.

Relating to the sending Capt. Martin 2 or three days sail to the Eastwd. wth. Capt. Beckford as the security of that rich Ship Dartmth. from Y^e. French.

We make no doubt but that as soon as the French Ships have fitted at Mergen they will go directly to y^e Streights of Malacca, because we have yesterday rec'd advices that they fitted out at Merseilles w^thout any Stocks purely for purchase, and therefore we have agreed to dispatch a small Vessell that happens by accident to be in this road and sails tolerably well with proper advices to Malacca, otherwise there is great danger of the Strethams falling into their hands and the Howland if she should happen to come that way, and Cap^t. Reid in the Arabella intending for Batavia in three or four days, we shall likewise give the necessary advices thither and by these means we hope to secure your Estates from falling into the Enemies hands; tho' we heartily wish we were in a condition to look them in the face, and beat them out of India; they have no place to fitt at but Mergen and there a superiour force would easily destroy them, the Port not being capable of giving them any Succour. We are w^th. great respect.

Hon^ble. S^rs.

Your most obed^t faithfull hum^ble Serv^ts.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
OCTOB^R. YE 15^TH 1712.

EDWARD HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERN^D. BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.

To CAP^T. THOMAS BECKFORD,
COMMANDER OF SHIP DARTMOUTH.

Your Ship being full Laden whereof you have given us notice of firing a Gun and spreading Your Colours; you are hereby order'd to [repair] on board your Ship, and with the first opportunity of wind and we[a]ther to weigh Anchor set sail and make the best of your way [for] your most speedy attaining the Port of London, and when you arrive at any Port of Great Brittain, you are to send by your P[ur]ser our Packett directed to the Hon^ble. the Court of Directors for affairs of the R^t. Hon^ble. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to whom your Ship goes consig[ned] which Packett is in a Box mark'd A.

Capt. Beckfords dispatch.

We here deliver you a Packett mark'd B, which you are to for[ward] by post or otherwise, from the first Port of your Arrivall in Great Brittain, Ireland or Holland, writing yourself to the Hon^ble^. D[irectors] giving them an Account what has happen'd materiall in your Voyage; and the Box Markd C, you are to send by the first safe conveyance after you are in the River of Thames, containing book[s]of Accounts; The Hon^ble^. Directors have complain'd that whilst their Ships have lain in Ireland or Holland for want of Convoy they have wanted our advices which has been a great prejudice to them, thô at the same time the Comm^drs^. have had our possitive orders to forward a small Packett of ours to them on [the] first Arrivall in any of those Ports, which we admire has no[t] been obey'd and therefore we enjoyn you again to send the forementiond Packett B, as you will answer it to them att your Arrivall in England.

You will herewith receive a packett sign'd by the Gov^r^. only, and directed to yourself, containing secrett orders for the homeward bound passage, which the Hon^ble^. Directors command you strictly to observe, and your are not to open it till you come into ten degrees South Latitude on this side the Cape, and then tis to be done in the presence of your Mates and Purser, whose attestations you must take of the same in order to make oath thereto if requird on your Arrivall in England.

'Tis the Comp^a's^. order that if any Ship should be so late dispa[tched] hence, or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Zelone and stay no longer there than the beginning of July; but if it so happens they gett up with the Cape or near it, tis then their Orders that they go to Mauritius to the South east side, which is on y^e^ windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a Settlem^t^. taking great care of your going in; tis further order'd that you do all possible to avoid going to the North West Harbour or Carpenters Bay where tis likely the French Ships will look in, we are very credibly inform'd the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius, so that you must be very carefull how you make it and be allways on your Guard, and keep constant looking out to prevent being surpriz'd by an Enemy, securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there.

The Company have sent out a Standing Order to St Helena, w^ch^. they order us to incert in all your Instructions, that whoever of you touch at that Island you bring your Ship to an Anchor before you come open with chappel Valley near Mundens point if you dont Meet with good Anchor hold sooner, and then send y^r^. boat on Shoar to give the Gov^r^. intelligence who you are, for he is orderd to let no Ship pass that point, and come into the Road, before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship should attempt to break this order the Govern^r^. has the Companys possitive order to fire on them.

The Company orders us to lay a strict injunction on their Commanders to avoid if possible speaking with any Ship at Sea, which we more particularly do now, there being severall French Ships expected abroad, so it behoves you to keep a good Look out that you dont fall in with them.

The Severall Packetts we now deliver you, you are allways to keep at hand, and in case you are in Danger of falling into the Enemies hands, (which God forbid) you are to throw them overboard with sufficient weights to sink them, and all private Letters in your Ship.

Cap^t^. Matthew Martin of the Marlbrô agreeing with us in opinion, that it is safer for y^e^. Ship what she has on board to put to Sea than to continue at an Anchor here, and run the hazard of the approaching Monsoon, we have given him orders to sail in Company with You twenty or thirty Leagues to y^e^. E^t^ward of this Road, when you will be out of the Track of any ffrench Ships bound from Bengall to Ponticherry; we would have you observe his Signalls whilst you keep him Company, both for sailing and Battle in case you meet with an Enemy, and require you to clear your Ship with all Expedition if you find there is any likelyhood of your being Attack'd and we have putt aboard him a Serjeant w^th^

twenty Soildiers for your joynt security ; We wish you a Successfull Voyage, & date these in Fort St. George this fifteenth day of October One thousand seven Hundred and Twelve.

EDWARD HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO THE HON^{BLE} THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP DARTMOUTH CAP^{T}. THOMAS BECKFORD COMMANDER.

No. 1. Fort St. George Generall Letter dated the 14th. of October 1712.
2. Copy Ditto dated y^{e}. 22 Decemb^{r} 1711, 4th & 7th Jan^{ry}. ℔ Avarilla.
3. Copy Ditto y^{e}. 8th January 17$\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}$ ℔ Ditto.
4. Copy Ditto dated the 10th January 17$\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}$ ℔ Ditto.
5. Invoice of Ship Dartmouth amounting to Pagodas 180177 : 20 : 46.
6. Bill of loading of Ditto Ship.
7. Copy of the Avarillas Invoice Amounting to Pagodas 72298 : 2 : 14
8. Copy of the List of the Packett ℔ Ship Avarilla.
9. Duplicate of the Fort St. David Letter to the Hon^{ble}. the Court of Directors ℔ Ship Avarill dated January the 18th 17$\frac{1}{1\frac{1}{2}}$
10. Duplicate of their Protest against Gabriel Roberts Esq^{r}.
11. Abstract of the Sundry particulars that have been sent to, & received from the Bay, since the first May 1711.
12. Cap^{t}. Blows Receipt for his Charterparty mony.
13. List of Goods Registerd by Captain Blow.
14. The Surgeons of Ships Marlbrô, Kent and Recovery their Receipts for head mony.
15. List of Goods Registered by Cap^{t}. Wotton.
16. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1714.
17. Musters of cloth Returnd.
18. Outcry Acco^{t}. of Silver & Gold Thread &ca.
19. Presidents acco^{t}. Sales of Corrall ℔ Dartmouth & Marlborough.
20. Account Coinage of Gold ℔ Ships Marlbrô and Recovery.
21. Copy of a Letter from the Duan about the Pegue Embassadors.
22. Copy of M^{r}. Bernard Benyons Narrative of Fort St. David.
23. Copy of the Articles of Peace Agreed with Serrop Sing.
24. Abstract of the Companys Revenues from the p^{mo}. May 1711 to y^{e}. Ult^{o}. Augst 1712.
25. M^{r}. Thomas Bulkleys Covenants and Bond to perform.
26. Padre Miltons Papers humbly offerr'd to consideration.
27. John Masons covenants and Bond to perform them.
28. Copy of M^{r}. William Martin's answer to M^{r}. Raworth's Reply dated Sep^{t}. 4th 1712.
29. Copy of a Consultation held on board the Mary by the Comm^{dr}. & Officers.
30. Captain Bekfords Request for seventy four Tuns of Salt petre.
31. Copy of a Letter from the Cheif and Councill at Pattna to the President and Councill of Bengall.
32. Copy of the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Robert Jones's Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. and Outcry Account.

33. Owners of Ship Satisfactions petition.
34. List of Diamonds laden upon the Dartmouth.
35. Copy Ditto ℔ Avarilla.
36. Survey of the Ship Dartmouth.
37. Paymasters List of Ship Dartmouth's Company.
38. List of y^e^. United Comp^e's^. Serv^ts^. in y^e^. Presidency of y^e^. Coast of Choromandell &ca.
39. List of Covenanted Serv^ts^. received in Fort St. George by Ships Marlbro & Kent.
40. Paymasters list of Souldiers rec'd from England ℔ Ships Marlbrô Kent & Recovery.
41. List of Stores wanting in Fort St. George.
42. Surgeons list of Medicines wanting for the Garrison of Fort S^t^. George.
43. List of Marriages Christenings and Burials in Fort St. George to the Ultimo September 1712.
44. Muster Roll of the first Company of Soildiers in Fort St. George.
45. Muster Roll of the Second Company of Soldiers in Fort St. George.
46. List of the Officers and Souldiers belonging to Fort St. David.
47. Muster Roll of the Gun room crew in Fort St. George.
48. Warehousekeeper's Acco^t^. Remains in the Warehouse.
49. Storekeeper's Acco^t^. Remains to y^e^. Ultimo August 1712.
50. Abstracts of the Mint Accounts from the p^mo^. May to y^e^. Ult^o^. Sep^r^. 1712.
51. Abstracts of y^e^. Sea Custom^rs^. Acco^ts^. from y^e^. p^mo^. May to y^e^. Ult^o^. Sep^r^. 1712.
52. Abstracts of y^e^. Paymasters Acco^ts^. from y^e^ p^mo^. May to y^e^. Ult^o^. Aug^st^. 1712.
53. Abstracts of the Land Customers Acco^ts^. from D^o^ time to y^e^. Ult^o^. Sep^r^. 1712.
54. Abstracts of the Storekeepers Acco^ts^. from d^o^. time to D^o^. time
55. John Rudge deceas'd his Account Outcry.
56. Copy of Ditto's Acco^t^. Curr^t^. with M^r^. Frederick.
57. Copy of Ditto's Acco^t^. Curr^t^. with M^r^. Lewis.
58. Copy of Ditto's Acco^t^. Curr^t^. with M^r^. Bulkley.
59. Richard Chadsley deceas'd his Account Outcry.
60. Ditto's Account Current.
61. Musters of Taffetys sent by the Dartmouth.
62. List of Goods Registered by Cap^t^. Beckford.
63. Acco^t^. of Ships arrivd at and saild from Fort St. George.
64. Copy of Cap^t^. Beckfords Dispatch.
65. Supplementall Letter dated Octob^r^. the 15^th^. 1712.
66. List of the Packett.

FORT ST. GEORGE BOOKS VIZ^T^.

Journall & Leidger Letter K...	Commencing primo May 1711 Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712
Copy Ditto Letter I	Commencing Primo May 1710 Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1711
Consultations & Diarys ...	Commencing primo Jan^ry^. 17$\frac{11}{12}$ Concluding Ultimo Sep^t^. 1712
Retters Received	Commencing 27^th^. Decemb^r^. 1711 Concluding the 5^th^. of Octob^r^. 1712
Letters Sent	Commencing January y^e^. 2^d^. 17$\frac{11}{12}$ Concluding the 10th Octob^r^. 1712
Cash Acco^t^.	Commencing primo Jan^ry^. 17$\frac{11}{12}$ Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712

Mint Account	Commencing primo May 1711	Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712
Sea Customers Register ...	Commencing primo May 1711	Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712
Paymasters Acco^{ts}.	Commencing primo May 1711	Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712
Land Customers Register ...	Commencing primo May 1711	Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712
Journall Parcells	Commencing primo May	Concluding Ultimo July 1712
Country Letters	to the 14th. Octob^{r}. 1712	

FORT ST. DAVID BOOKS VIZ^{t}.

Journall & Leidger Letter K ...	Commencing primo May 1711	Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712

VIZAGAPATAM BOOKS VIZ^{r}.

Journall and Leidger Letter K.	Commencing primo May 1711	Concluding Ultimo Aprill 1712

LETTER FROM FORT S^{t}. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 27, 1712. RECEIVED PER JOHN & ELIZABETH. [*Despatches to England, Vol.* 3, *pp.* 80.]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{t}. HON^{BLE}. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

℔ Ship John & Elizabeth Capt. Wm. Hamilton Commdr.

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}.

The Dartmouth saild ye. 16th. inst.

The foregoing is an Abstract of our Generall Letter by the Dartmouth, that saild hence the 16th. ins^{t}. we would have sent a Duplicate but that this Ship John & Elizabeth was then intended to have follow'd in three or four Days, but meeting with some disappointments, we have an Opportunity to add what has happend of moment since that time.

by Advices from Ballosore of the 17th. Sepr. we learn the Sherbornes being taken off the Cape.

Our last advices from Ballasore are of the 17th. Sep^{r}. and confirm what we before suspected, Viz^{t}. the unfortunate Capture of the Sherborne near Cape Bo'n Esperance Cap^{t}. Cornwall & good part of the Ships Company were then on board the French Ships, y^{e}. remainder they have set ashoar near Ganjam, they tell us M^{r}. Welden and his family were gone to France but do not mention how or which way; after these ffrench Ships came into their Station off Point Palmeras, the Marlbrô was the first Ship of consequence that fell in with them, & we have before inform'd your Hon^{rs}. how narrowly, she escap'd which was purely owing to the Courage, and good Conduct of the Cap^{t}. and his Ships Company and a very inconsiderable advantage in point of sailing, the great Ship that engagd him has fifty six Guns mounted and a numerous Ships Company.

The same ffrench Ships take a Ship & Briggantine of this place & ye. Bay returning from Jehore and Batavia, also the Russell Gally, that was dispatched to us wth. advices. We hear that they have put for Mergen.

After they left chasing the Marlbrô in their Return to their old station, they mett with a Ship and Briggantine belonging to Bengall and this place, returning from their Voyage to Jehore & Batavia, these they took and we believe may amount in value to seventy or eighty Thousand Rupees; likewise the Russell Gally, that was sent out of Bengall purposely to bring us advices of these Ships, fell into their hands, but whether they threw over board their packets or no, we cannot tell; they have not been seen since the 17th. and y^{e}. English prisoners they put ashoar give an Acco^{t}. that they were forc'd to leave the Coast and go for Mergen for want of Water, which if true there is no Manner of fear that the Kent & Recovery will fall in with them.

We shall propose to the Bay that ye. Ships dispatched too late for the Dutch Fleet may rendevouz here; tho' we fear our united force will be too weak for ye. ffrench & therefore hope you will procure men of war to convoy yor. Ships during ye. war.

We shall propose to the Gentlemen in the Bay that what Ships are dispatched too late for the Dutch Fleet may rendezvous here, and proceed in Company to the Cape; for there is no doubt but the taking of the Sherborne will encourage the French to cruize off that place, in the proper Season for intercepting them; thô we cannot but apprehend that our United force will be too weak for them [that] come fresh out of Europe with Ships too strong for ours to deal with and therefore we hope you will be pleas'd to procure men of warr to ply on and off the Cape in the months of Aprill and May, or to be sent hither to convoy your Ships to the Cape if the war continue otherwise the Enemy is now so well acquainted with all our methods and Stations, that it is almost impossible to prevent your Estates falling into their hands.

Being apprehensive that ye. ffrch. Ships will make for ye. Streights of Malacca, we have agreed to give Capt. Reid 600 Page. to take his passage thro those Streights & lodge advices at Malacca to preserve ye. rich Ships that may come that way.

We are still at a loss to know how these French Ships intend to dispose of themselves, after they have fitted at Mergen, but 'tis most likely the Streights of Malacca will tempt them, we wrote yor. Honrs. in the foregoing that we had gott ready a small Vessell to send with advices to Malacca, but this being an affair of so much consequence, and the Season very late, that we might act wth. the greatest Security, we have since prevailed with Capt. Reid in the Arabella an excellent sailer, to take his passage thrô the Streights of Malacca, for which deviation we have allowd him a gratuity of six hundred Pags. to be fairly levied upon the Stocks of those Ships expected that way, that are so happy to escape falling into ye. Ene[my's] hands; and if Capt. Reid performs this peice of Service well, we hope. you will be pleasd to take notice of him when he arrives in England for his extraordinary willingness to undertake it, tho' it must of course disappoint him in his intentions of reaching ye. Dutch Fleet at the Cape.

The Rising Sun is arrivd Ballasore.

We are very glad to acquaint your Honrs. that your Vessell Rising Sun is arrivd safe in Ballasore River with the three hundred Tubs of Tea from Bencoolen, having narrowly escap'd foundering in the Sea, as well as being taken by the Enemy.

This Ship has pickd up some Coffee, Redwood, Arrack & Bengall Goods.

This Ship John & Elizabeth has pick'd up a small matter of Coffee more, some redwood, Arrack, and a few Bengall goods that were sent up hither for them last year, very dear bought, but wee have taken care to prevent him getting any quantity of goods belonging to this Coast.

We send Duptes. of sevll. papers p Dartmouth, herewith.

We send here with Duplicates of our Warehousekeepers and Storekeepers Lists of Demands an Abstract of the Dartmouths invoice Copy of the List of her packett, an Accot. of goods recd from and sent to the Bay, Copy of a Letter from the Cheif & councill of Patna to the President & Councill in Bengall giving an Accot. of ye. posture of affairs there, and our Consultations to ye. 25th instt.

We heartly wish Success to all your Affairs and are with due respect.

FORT STT. GEORGE
OCTOBR. YE. 27TH. 1712.

Honble. Srs.
Your most Obedt. humble Servts.

EDWARD HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM MARTIN.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP JOHN AND ELIZABETH.

No. 1. Abstract of the Dartmouths Letter dated the 14th and 15th with an Additionall Letter dated the 27th October 1712.
2. Abstract of Ship Dartmouths Invoice.
3. List of Demands for the Warehousekeepr for the year 1714.
4. Storekeepers List of Demands for the year 1714.
5. Surgeons List of Medicines wanting in Fort St. George.
6. Accot. of Goods receivd from and sent to ye. Bay.
7. Copy of a Letter from the Cheif and Councill at Patna to the President & Councill of Bengall.
8. Copy of the List of the Packett ℔ Dartmouth.
9. Accot. of Stores wanting by the Ships Marlbro Kent and Recovery.
10. Fort St. George Consultations and Diarys from the first to the 25th Octr. 1712.
11. List of the Packett.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY DATED THE 11 JANUARY 1713. RECEIVED PER MARY. [*Despatches to England Vol. 3, pp. 83—103.*]

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF YE. RT. HONBLE. UNITED COMPA. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONBLE. SRS.

We have wrote your Honrs. largely this Season by the Dartmouth under the 14th Octobr. and a short Letter of the 15th. the said Ship sailed hence the 16th in the morning in Company with the Marlbro who left her on the 18th forty Leagues to the Eastward of this place and clear of the Tract of Pontichery, we likewise sent a large abstract of the Dartmouth's Letter by the John & Elizabeth Seperate Stock Ship that Sail'd hence the 27th of Octobr wth. an addition what had happend materiall to that time, a copy of the Dartmouth's Invoice and other papers of the greatest Consequence.

The Dates of our last Letters.

Capt. Martin left ye. Dartmouth 40 Leagues to ye. Et. ward.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

2. On the 23rd of Novembr. a small sloop arrivd here from Malacca, which the Supra Cargoes of the Howland purchased there to bring us advices of their Safety, and that having receivd intelligence accidentally of the French Ships being in these parts they had determind to stay and come in Company with the Dutch, who were daily expected to the number of six or seven sail, when ys. sloop left Malacca the 26th of Octobr. the Howland having been dispatch'd from Macao late in Febry. met with a tedious passage thro, the Streights, insomuch that it was some time in May before she reach'd Acheen, when the S. Wt. Winds being hard set in they could not weather the Nicobars, and so bore back to Malacca, intending to go round by way of Batavia, but afterwards alter'd their mind, for what reasons we cannot tell, & Capt. Cooke died at Malacca the 16th. of Septembr.

On ye. 23d. Novr. arrivd a sloop Malacca bringing us News of the Howlands safety & that they intend hither in Compa. wth. the Dutch, also that Capt. Cooke was dead.

3. We sent the forementiond sloop call'd the Expedition into Fort St. David river to be examin'd and well fitted in order to cruize and look out for the French Ships, but when she came to be strip'd she was found so crazy and rotten, that nothing but her sheathing had held her together, and therefore we have thought it more your Interest to break her up, than keep her at a constant Expence for repairs.

We sent ye. said sloop to Ft. St. Dd. to be examind & was found so rotten yt. we thot. it yor. interest to break it up,

4. We wrote your Honrs. in our last that the Marlbrô put to sea with the Dartmouth for fear of ye. Monsoon, and on the 24th. of November she returnd into this road the Danger being over, wee keep her here in a readiness to carry down our Rupees as soon as we are sure that the French Ships are not in the way to intercept her, for as she must of necessity go down along shore wth. ye. land and sea winds, which will take up at least a months time, & 'tis very probable

the Marlbro returnd to us ye. 24th. Nov & we intend her for the Bay as soon as ye. danger of

the ffrench is over.

the ffrench may drive up the Coast in their passage to Pontichery, we think the hazard too great since they are now clean Ships, and will undoubtedly have the advantage in sailing.

by the Sherborne. yt. arrivd Pontichery ye. 9th. Ulto. We learn that [the] ffrch. were at Negrais. & suppose they design for Malacca.

5. The Sherborne prize arrivd at Pontichery the 9th Ult°. and left the two ffrench Ships, at Negrais Island the 21st of Octobr. where they intended to water and careen with all Expedition in order to return a cruizing, and since we have receiv'd no news of them by our Bengall Shipping we must conclude they design for the Streights of Malacca, however we hope such measures are taken that they will be totally disappointed.

The Kent & Recovery arrivd safe in Bgall.

6. Your Ships Kent and Recovery arriv'd safe at Ballasore the beginning of Octobr. the French having quitted their station sometime before for want of water, they write us from Bengall that the Recovery is intended for Persia, and the Kent to be partly loaden and fill'd up here, for which we shall make all possible preparation.

On ye. 30th. ulto arrivdye, Derby London & Mary ye. former fully laden ye. Mary wth. 502 bales ye London almost an empty Ship.

the Derby not being under our directions, the Capt. had determind not to stay for ye Mary but to sail ye. 1st. inst. that he might be sure of reaching ye. Dutch Fleet.

7. On the 30th. Ultimo arriv'd Ships Derby, London and Mary from Bengall, the Derby being fully laden and under her dispatches for Europe, the Mary kentilag'd with salt Petre and five hundred & two Bales of fine goods to be filled up here, and the London bound to Bombay, an empty Ship in a manner, having been disappointed of her expected frieght, by the Generall Letter that these Ships brout. us from four Presidt. and Councill in the Bay, a copy of which comes inclos'd it seems as if the Derby had been intended to part with the other two Ships before they came into this road, and no copy of the Captain's dispatches being sent us, we were oblig'd to demand his reasons for coming in here, upon which he produc'd his dispatch, wherein he has possitive orders to accompany the London and Mary hither, and if the Mary could be fill'd up in few days to stay and go in company with her, but by no means to hazard coming up wth. the Dutch Fleet at the Cape; which orders leave the Capn. intirely at his Liberty to stay here just as many Days as he pleases; The Dutch Fleet for these three years past have sail'd from the Cape on or about the 20th. day of March, and therefore we could not but be of opinion with Capt. Wotton that in order. To be sure of joyning them, a ship ought to sail from hence the 1st. of January at farthest, and your Honrs. may please to observe upon our Consultation dated the 30th. Ultimo, that finding it would take up at least ten days to take ashoar the goods from the Mary & fill her up, we determin'd to leave the Capt. of the Derby to his Bengall dispatches, that he might not run any hazard of being too late for the Dutch, accordingly he filled his water and intended to have saild the first instant.

On ye. 1st. inst. arrivd ye. Howland whose Supr. Cargos & Capt. tells Us they were assurd at Batavia that ye. Dutch Fleet wod. sail thence a mo. later than usuall wch. communicated to Capt. he agrees to stay for the Mary & We perswaded Capt. Upton to bear them Compa. as far as lay in his way, far their mutuall Security from ye. ffrench.

8. On the first early in the morning arrivd the Howland from Malacca which place she left the first of Decembr. in Company with six sail of Dutch Ships bound to Bengall, and parted with them off the Andeman Islands, the Supra Cargoes and Capt. infor[med] us that they had very good assurances from the Commanders of the Dutch Ships who left Batavia in Octobr. that their Fleet bound for Europe would sail at least a month later this year yn. usuall from Batavia, and consequently they will not be able to go so early from the Cape as they did last year; this advice being communicated to Capt. Wotton, together with our Opinion that he might stay for the Mary, without any hazard of being too late to join the Dutch he readily agreed to it, as being conformable to his Orders, and to what your Honrs. have wrote in yor. last Letters concerning your Ships rendezvousing homeward bound, and these two Ships being very rich, we have perswaded the London to go in Company with them as far as lies in her way to the Malabar Coast, there being no hopes of her getting time enuff to Bombay to save her passage for Europe, and [as] there are more Ships on that Coast than can be loaden home this Season it cannot be any disappointment to yor. affairs.

9. We wrote your Hon^{rs}. by the Dartmouth that being apprehensive your Ship London might be disappointed of a freight in y^{e}. Bay because of the troubles, we advised the Presid^{t}. & Councill how dear Rice was wth. us, and what profit might be made in loading her therewith, but thô we receive'd an Answer to our Letter wherein they promise us if freight was not procureable, that they would load her wth. rice, to our very great surprize and disappointment she is come up hither without one bag of rice or any thing else for your Acco^{t}. and nothing for Bombay that we can learn except about fifteen hundred bags of Sugar; their excuse is contain'd in the inclosd copy of their Letter, which is humbly submitted to your Hon^{rs}. judgment and particularly to such as are acquainted with the Bay; her cargo of rice would have clear'd between four and five thousand Pagodas, besides the benefit to the place, and now after a twelve months Loss of time the Ship returns in a manner empty, and too late to be dispatche'd for Europe this Season.

Thô we wrote to ye Bay, that if ye. London cond not get freight, to load her wth. grain for this place & they told us they wou'd, She is come almost an empty Ship wth. out a bag on yor. Acco^{t}. wch. has been a loss to ye place & about 5000 Pag^{s}. out of yo^{r}. way.

10. We may very well suppose that the Gentlemen in the Bay have given your Hon^{rs}. some reasons (thô they did not think fit to give us any) why they have sent up no more than five hundred bags of rice upon the Mary when they might as easily have sent two thousand, what they have sent us is old and damag'd sweepings of their Godowns, such as was the wheat which they sent us up by the Presid^{t}. we should not trouble your Hon^{rs}. with these complaints if they were otherwise to be remedyd, but when we wrote concerning the wheat, they answer'd us that there was no better to be had, thô the same Ship brought as good as ever was seen for other people, and when we make any other Complaints, we find it occasions endless disputes to the apparent prejudice of your affairs; the Gurrahs sent us up for package of our Bales are abominable thin, full of holes, and not fit for wrappers to the Longcloth, as will appear when severall of the bales come to be open'd in your Warehouse, and we hope you will take effectuall methods that we may be better supplyd for the future, since it will appear by our Letters that we have found fault in vain.

The Mary came hither wth. only 500 bags of Rice when She might have brot. 2000.

Complaints of ye. Grain & packing Stuff sent us from the Bay.

11. In ours by the John and Elizabeth we acquainted your Hon^{rs}. y^{t}. yo^{r}. Vessell Rising Sun was safe in Ballasore with the three hundred Tubs of Tea from Bencoolen, and we have since receiv'd advices that the Tea is loaden aboard the Derby, and the Vessell having been surveyd and found not worthy repair, is order'd to be broke up, which ought to have been done long ago as she was a very heavy and unprofitable bottom.

The Tea by the Rising Sun from Bencoolen is put aboard ye. Derby & ye. Vessell broke up.

12. On Christmas day we receiv'd Letters overland from Anjengo, advising the arrivall of Ships Somers and Grantham at that place the 21st. Nov^{r}. the Cap^{ts}. were not so kind to write us a line, so that we dont know any Particulars of their passage, nor what is become of the rest of y^{e}. Ships that were to come out in Comp^{a}. with them.

The Sommers & Grantham arrivd Anjengo ye. 21st. Nov^{r}.

13. The Howland brought us advices from Malacca by way of Batavia that the Toddington arriv'd Bencoolen the 9th. of Augst. [*Lacuna*], and that both she and the Success would in all likelihood, be dispatch'd time enuff to joyn the Dutch Fleet, but of this more under y^{e}. head of the W^{t}. Coast.

The Toddington arrivd Bencoolen ye. 9th. Augst. & tis supposed both She & ye. Success will be dispatche in time.

14. Your Ship President is still employed on the W^{t}. Coast Service, and y^{e}. Maddapollam Yatch has made a Trip to Vizagapatam & back hither with a loading of Rice that will bear her Expences for y^{e}. Season.

the Presidt. is employd on the Wt. Coast & ye. Madapollam is gone to Viza.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE

15. Having wrote so fully under this head by the Dartmouth, we are now only to Trouble your Hon[rs]. in compliance with our promise, in the 47[th]. Paragraph of the said Let[ter for] an Acco[t]. of y[e]. new Sortments mention'd in the 39[th]. para of yours by last years Shipping.

The Medleys are unserviceable to ye. Natives & will only off amg. those that wear Europe habits, & we have enow on our hands for 2 years.

16. We have pursuant to your Orders made a tryall of the few Bales of cloth you sent Us of severall Sorts and Colours, they are altogether unserviceable for the Natives, and can only be vended among our Europe inhabitants, and such as wear Europe habits, the quantity is too large, and they lie at present very heavy upon our hands; when they (*sic*) Shipping comes in part of it will go off, but so slowly that we are of opinion what we have by us will not be disposd of in less than Two year, so that your Hon[rs]. will be able to judge, by this and what more you will have sent before this Letter comes to hand, whether to send any further Quantitys or no.

We have disposed of ye. Embossd Cloth at 40 Pags. ℔ pce, and are of opinion that about 60 ps. yearly will do well.

17. As for the imbossd cloth we have disposed of the whole quantity, except a few peices that we keep for presents, at forty Pag[s] ℔ Peice which is about 100 ℔ Cent upon Invoice, and we chose to let it go all into one hand rather than to sell it at Outcry in order to keep up the price of what may come hereafter, we are of opinion fifty to sixty peices yearly will sell at the same rate, if a larger quantity comes, it will not only lessen the price very considerably, but put it quite out of esteem among the great Men that now make use of it, and if it lyes by any time in your Godowns, it will infallibly be spoild.

We could not sell ye. imbossd Callimancoes for prime cost neither by private nor at public sale.

18. The imboss'd callimancoes cost much dearer in proportion than the Cloth, and are not att all in esteem, we have endeavour'd all in our power to sell them to our Merchants, and were at last oblig'd to put them up at publick Sale for a tryall, where no body bidding up to prime cost they remain still unsold.

The Gold & Silver thread have been try'd at publick sale but will not sell for prime cost we shall enquire if that & ye. imbossd callimancoes will do at the Bay.

19. Since what we wrote by the Dartmouth concerning the gold & silver thread, we have put the quantity which came out by this last Shipping up to sale, but the town being glutted with what came out the year before, no body bid within Twenty ℔ Cent of the Invoice price, wherefore it remains unsold, and we shall write to Bengall to know if they will give us any encouragement to send it together with the imbossd Callimancoes down thither.

Yo[r]. Honrs. may send that sort of Iron yt. costs least, only keeps. to ye. proportn. of square & flat Barrs ye. Price now here is 11 Pags. ℔ Candy.

20. In answer to your Hon[rs]. 43[d]. paragraph concerning Iron, y[e]. Persons that buy it here never make any distinction, so that you may be pleased to send that sort w[ch]. costs you least in England, only we desire that you will be pleased to keep to the proportion of square and flat Barrs demanded in our Storekeep[rs]. List the price here has seldom ever exceeded, Twelve Pag[s]. the Candy, and never been under ten, we sell now at eleven and there it has stood severall months if no very great quantity comes next Season there is no doubt but [we] may keep up the price.

We see no reason to alter the demand of Broad Cloth ℔ Dartmth. either in q[t]. or sort.

21. We see no reason to make any alteration in the quantity or sortment of Broad Cloth demanded by the Dartmouth, only desire that we may have at least the full quantity of greens to put off the Reds that will infallibly be remaining upon our hands.

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTM[TS]. IN INDIA.

[We] have recd an answer from [Vizgm.] relating to their packs.

22. We have receivd a further answer concerning the Vizagapatam Package in their Letter dated the 17[th]. of Octob[r]. which is enter'd in our Letter Book N°. 190, to which we begg you will please to be referr'd, & we hope yo[r]. Serv[ts]. at that place will be as good as their words.

23. In our last we acquainted you with our undertaking of Long cloth and Sallampores in the Dasheroon Country, which being the first essay has not altogether succeeded to our Expectation, thô we must needs say the Merch^{ts}. that undertook it have done their part, but the Nabob Habid Cawne having march'd that way in August last with his Army terrified the weavers from their habitations, and we had much ado to secure what cloth was then come in from falling into his hands we have lately receiv'd about two hundred bales from those parts, but the better half being brown, and having receivd some Damage by the sudden transportation of it for fear of the Nabob, we could not get it wash'd to come by this Ship, having more cloth in the washers hands before than they were able to dispatch.

Our Undertaking for Lo Cloth & Sallampores in the Dasheroon Country has met wth. some disappoinmt. occasioned by ye, troubles from ye. Nabob in those parts, tho ye. Merchts. have done their duty & we have rec'd near two hundred Bales.

24. In our 76th. paragraph by the Dartmouth we wrote your Hon^{rs}. that we had set all Engines at work to procure as large a quantity of gruff goods as possible, and we may assure you that no time has been lost, but the vast quantity of rains that fell in Octob^{r}. and part of Novemb^{r}. has been a great hindrance both to weavers & washers but more especially the latter, who have been kept at work night and Day for the Dispatch of this Ship.

The rains in Octobr. & Novr. have been a great hindrance to our curing Goods for this Ship.

25. From the time of the Dartmouth's sailing that swept our Godowns, we have got ready about Eight hundred Bales upon our former Agreement, and now that we have the prospect of a plentifull Crop, and grain is every Day falling, we shall proceed no further without an abatement; our last Letter from Fort St. David advises that they have between six and Seven hundred bales made up, and shall have a full loading for the Howland by the 20th. of this month, but we are very apprehensive that the arrivall of y^{e}. expected French Ships at Pontichery, will make it impracticable for her to take in her loading with safety, since they are not under M^{r}. Heberts orders but come abroad without Stocks purposely to seek for Prey, and having hitherto had little or no Success will attempt any thing rather than return empty for Europe, we dare not venture to bring our Goods up under Gentue marks for the reason, y^{t}. the French Ships are no ways depending upon Pontichery; we shall act with all imaginable prudence and caution, and leave no stone unturn'd to dispatch the Howland if it may be done with safety, her time expires the last instant, and we have sufficient ready to fill her up by that time, but if it is not to be done without an apparent hazard of the whole, we hope your Honours will not be in pain for the Ship in case she should not arrive, nor angry wth. us for the disappointment since we shall be sure to act what we judge most for the Security of your Estate.

We have ready 800 bales upon a former Contract, & shall proceed no further wth out an Abatemt.

They have about 700 bales at Ft. St. Dd. & shall have enow to load ye. Howland by the 20th. but how to get at ym. we cant tell because ye. ffrch. now lie at Pontichery to intercept us, wherefore if She shoud not arrive in ye. Season we hope yor. Honrs. will not be uneasy, for ye. do not think of running an unreasonble risque.

26. If the Howland had arrivd here ten or twelve days sooner, we cou'd have dispatch'd her from hence instead of the Mary time enuff to have joyn'd the Dutch Fleet, but the Cap^{t}. assuring us that he could not got his Ship shifted before the 15th. or 20th. of the month, and consequently she could not be dispatch'd before the latter end, we have thought it more your interest to let two such rich Ships make the best of [their] way in Comp^{a}. to joyn the Dutch, which there is no doubt (barring unavoidable Accidents) but they will accomplish, and thô y^{e}. Howland has been longest abroad she is in very good condition and at

Reasons why we could not dispatch the Howland before the Mary.

much less demorage than the Mary, wherefore we hope you will excuse this necessary deviation from your Standing Order, since if we had unladen the Mary to fill up the Howland, neither of them could have had any hopes of reaching the Dutch Fleet.

The Conveniences that will attend our having a dead by us to invest at ye. most proper Seasons.

for ye. next year we shall make use of our Credit if there is occasion.

27. If the ware should continue in Europe, we humbly propose that we may always have a dead stock by us, at least for the Investm^{t}. at Fort St. David, by which means the Bales will allways be ready to be sent up hither in the months of March, Aprill and May, when there is no danger of an Enemy upon the Coast, in the meantime till we have your Answer we will make a Shift for this Season by stretching our Credit if there be occasion, and had not M^{r}. Roberts struck that fatall Stroke to the Hon^{ble}. Companys Credit upon the Union, by buying up the Merchants bonds at discount with the interest to himself, after he had advices that your Ships were upon the way and might be dayly expected, we could never have wanted a much larger Sum at a short warning than ever your occasions require, however we hope in a little time to retreive the ground we lost by that unjustifiable Conduct (not to give it a worse title) and in the meantime we are ready to serve you with our own fortunes rather than let your Shipping lie upon our hands.

They write us from ye. Bay that they shall dispatch ye. Kent a full Ship directly from thence.

28. Your President and Councill in the Bay wrote us by the London &ca that they would send the Kent to fill up here, but we have since receivd another Letter dated the 20th. of Decemb^{r}. wherein they tell us they shall be able to dispatch her a full Ship by the latter end of this month directly for Europe, but that they have no salt Petre to Kentilage her, and therefore they design to do it with redwood, we heartily wish she may get safe home, but some of us know by experience that Redwood is a very dangerous kentilage; if the troubles in the Bay continue we shall not have a bagg of salt Petre for our next years Shipping.

We have travers'd the Tea ℔ Howland on board ye. Mary as also 40 Chests Raw silk.

29. We have Travers'd the Tea that came upon the Howland on board y^{e}. Mary, that it may be with you as soon as possible for we fear it has lain already long enuff upon the Sea, we send also forty Chests of Raw silk which came upon the same Ship from China, and is said to be the very best that could be procur'd.

We can give no accot. of the Howlands Voya. till our next, if her Cargo will not sell well here we intend the Copper & Tutaneg for the Bay ℔ Marlbro.

30. The Howland's Cargo not being yet all landed, nor the Acco^{ts}. examind we must deferr giving you any Acco^{t}. of that Voyage till our next, our present thoughts are to try the Market here and if we do not find it answer our Expectation, to send the Copper and Tutanague down to the Bay by the Marlbrô, taking the value of it out of their Rupees which at present sell very well here.

Fourthly Touching the Trade of India in Generall and therein any Transactions wth. the Country Government.

Trade is now rather worse yn. in our last, all China Goods excessive dear occasiond by the ffrench, & the Bengall trade obstructed by ye. wars in those parts.

31. There is very little alteration in the Trade of India since our last, if any it is for the worse, the Howland left Gold at Eighteen above touch in China, and all other goods extravigantly dear occasion'd by the French Ships that come annually over from Peru, which likewise Ruins the Trade between this place and Manilha; the warr in Bengall still continues and there are armys afoot as low as Hughly, which is a very great Obstruction to all manner of Trade, especially those Branches of Patna and Cassimbuzzar, and will prevent both your Ships and all others from getting any considerable freight this Season.

Relating to Capt. Cooks extorting a sum of mony from ye. St. Juan for Manila that had our pass.

32. We are very sorry to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that whilst we are labouring under these calamitys, surrounded by Enemys on all sides, we should suffer by our friends; the little notice that was taken of our complaint when Beaws in the Arlbemarle extorted a Sum̃ of mony from the Manhila Ship at Malacca, has undoubtedly encourag'd Cap^{t}. George Cooke Comm^{dr}. of the Howland to do the same,

the Ship S^{t}. Juan saild hence in July freighted by the Armenians and your black Inhabitants for Manhila and arrived at Malacca in August, Cap^{t}. Cooke immediately got his Ship in a readiness, remov'd close to the S^{t}. Juan threatening to accompany her out to sea and seize her, which so terrified the Armenians that they durst not leave the Port (thô late in the Season and their passage was in danger) till they accommodated the matter for a round Sum of mony, but how much we cannot justly tell till the Ship returns; these rash Actions to Ships that sail under our passes and your Hon^{rs}. protection will terrifie all strangers from frequenting your Ports, and your inhabitants from sending their mony to Sea, the ill consequence of which will soon be felt in your Revenue; we know very well that your Hon^{rs}. have often forbid your Captains taking out [Letters] of Mart, yet there is not one Ship that comes abroad [. . .] if the war continues we humbly request in behalf of the Trading people under this presidency that you will be pleasd to take effectuall methods for preventing those Commissions being taken out for the future, which may very easily be done if you think us worthy of so much favour.

The methods to be taken to prevent ye. like in future.

33. The Country round about us is in peace and quietness, the Duan our Suba is lately made a Nabob by the new King, and march'd some time since up into the Country at 15 Days distance to raize contributions among the Rajahs, so that we are not apprehensive of any immediate Troubles nor have we yet been calld upon for the usuall present upon his encrease of Hon^{r}. which we take care to stave off as long as possible with small Piscashes to his under Officers that have most power with him.

The country about us is in peace new Honrs. confer'd upon our Nabob.

34. The Peace is firmly settled to Fort S^{t}. David, and all thoughts of the blood that was shed during the warr seems to be bury'd in Oblivion, your Merchants bring in goods apace now they are fed with ready mony, and we are dayly endeavouring to recover the Renters Debt, of which we hope to send you a more Satisfactory Acco^{t}. by the Howland, your revenues will daily encrease, and there is no doubt but by Prudent management and mild behaviour to your inhabitants, That place (which is capable of great improvem^{t}.) may be brought to maintain itself, as it once did in M^{r}. Hatsell's time, there is not a better spot of ground upon this Coast, and all the adjacent Country is famous for many usefull manufacture[s] but most especially Longcloth and Sallampores.

The Peace at Ft. St. David continues we already reap many good Effects from it & have promising hopes of more.

35. Habid Cawne Nabob of the Carlinga Country has this year attack'd and taken Maddapollam, Narsapore Fort and other Strong places in those parts, plunder'd and destroy'd all the Country round about belonging to Rajah Ranjerauze, he has pull'd down all the gates and windows of our Factorys, and laid them open for his soldiers To lodge in, and by the Acco^{t}. we have lately receiv'd from thence, we are afraid it will not be worth while to repair them; we have not been wanting to express our Resentments in writing for this ill usage, but words avail little with these men of power, and it is not worth our while to seek for any other Satisfaction, we suppose when he has done as much mischeif as he can he will return to his usuall residence further Northward.

Habid Cawne has plunderd & destroyd ye. Country about Maddapollam belongs. Rangerauz & has almost demolishd our Factorys so that we fear they are hardly worth repairing. Can get no redress at ys. distance.

36. Our Endeavours to Supply this place with grain have met with th[is] desir'd success, vast quantitys are dayly imported, and there is a very promising crop upon the ground all round about us, when it is at the cheapest, we shall take care to lay in a Sufficient Store which is the only method to prevent so dangerous a Scarcity for the future.

Our Endeavours to supply this place wth. grain have provd successfull & we shall lay in a store [. . .]

37. We have lately receivd Letters from Surat, advising that Generall Aislabie lyes before the mouth of that river with the Ships Mountague and Heathcote and three Ships that they have seized belonging to Abdull Gafore, endeavouring to get all differences adjusted with the owner.

We are advisd that Genll. Aislabie is at Surat bar endeavouring to adjust differences wth. Abdull Gafore.

By Virtue of our Corporation charter we have tryd ye. 4 Pirats that attempted ye. Eugene condemnd & executed one & banished ye. others to ye. Wt. Coast as Slaves.

38. In our last we mention'd an attempt made by the Lascars belonging to Ship Eugene to have run away with the Ship and Cargo, after having murther'd the Cheif Mate and desperately wounded the Boatswain, & finding it absolutely necessary for the Security of Trade and Navigation in these parts of the world, that the Malifactors should be brought to a publick tryall, we had recourse to our Corporation Charter granted by King Charles the Second and confirmd by King James, wherein we find a full power to try and execute for felony & murder by a majority of votes of the Court of Aldermen the Mayor allways to be one; accordingly four of these Lascars were brought to their Tryall, and the person who mortally wounded the Mate was condemn'd and Executed, the rest are banish'd to the West Coast, but might also have been found guilty by our Laws, however the Court was satisfied with making an Example of the most notorious Offender in hopes to deterr others from the like barbarous crimes, and we do not dispair but it may have some good Effect upon our own Country men, among whom there are many that would be ripe for any mischeif if they were not severely kept under; but having formerly wrote so much upon this Subject, we shall patiently wait to know your Hon^{rs}. Pleasure concerning it.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING YOUR FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

In ye. late rains one of ye. inner Fort Bastions fell down & we are of opinion ye. rest will shortly follow, & the whole buildings are in such a condition that it wou'd be endless work to repair them.

39. We are finishing the Buildings we have in hand with all possible Expedition, and are very sorry to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that in the late Severe rains one of the Bastions of our inner Fort tumbled down, and we are of opinion that the rest will follow in a very little time, the Lodgings under the Courtin are in a most lamentable condition, as well as the Armory, Storerooms and Godowns, it would be endless work to repair them and consequently mony thrown away, and as we shall be under an absolute necessity to erect a proper building for the accommodation of your covenanted Servants, severall of whom are dispers'd about in very inconvenient places, and some obligd to hire lodgings at their own Expence, we humbly offer the following proposalls.

The Bastions of ye. inner Fort are of no use for defence & only serve to make a noise in Country, Wherefore we propose.

40. The inner Fort has four pretty large bastions each with ten Guns of great weight mounted upon them, which are no way usefull for the defence of the place either to land or sea ward, it [was so] when we first settled here, and was very usefull to protect our [men] before the town was walld in, but now only serves to make some noise in the Country of a Fort within a Fort, which convenience (if any) will be much better provided for by what we are going to propose.

To pull down this & build another more usefull. The manner of it.

41. We would pull down all the inner Fort, and take in the whole square with a very strong wall, taking care to lay a good foundation which was very much wanting in the present buildings, as appears by the Bastion lately fallen down; we propose to carry out a small Semicircle at each Angle proper for mounting large Pattareroes or small Brass Guns with swivells to traverse round, and down into the Streets to clear them upon occasion, and the same we would mount at convenient spaces round the Courtin, which would be a much better defence than the Guns now upon the points, that can only serve to batter down the houses in the Town.

In this we propose to accomodate all yor. Covenanted Servts. wch. will save ye. entire charge of wt. was calld a Colledge. Severall other usefull

42. We propose to accommodate all your covenanted Servants within y^{e}. compass of this square, by which means they will allways be under our Eye much easier kept to their business, and allways obligd to conform to the regular hours of the Fort, the Gates being shut at half an hour after ten; we shall save the intire charge of what was formerly calld a colledge, and the materialls of this present Fort will all be usefull (except the timber which is rotten) towards the new building we shall have room likewise for the Gold mint, Treasure Warehouse, Armory, Cookroom and other proper officer within the Compass of this Building, as your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe by the Accompanying Draughts;

we will wait your pleasure before we venture upon so considerable an undertaking, and have in the mean time secur'd the fallen Bastion as well as we can on y^e^. inside, the whole building has been carefully survey'd and all people of judgment agree in opinion that it cannot stand such another rainy Season, all which is humbly, Submitted to your Consideration.

offices to be wth. in this compass as ℔ a Draught sent yor. Honrs. We shall wait yor. Answer before we proceed on so extraordry an undertaking.

43. It gives us double concern that at the same time we are obligd to lay out so much mony on your Buildings here, there appears to be y^e^. same necessity for going to work at Fort St. David, where the same violent rains have wash'd down the best part of the Fort Lodgings, the Stair case and part of the Consultation room, the powder Magazines, Warehouses and severall other necessary Buldings are propd up and daily expected to fall upon their Heads of all which your Hon^rs^. will have a full Acco^t^. in their Letter to us dated the 22^d^. of November No. 194 so that they have neither conveniencys for lodgings, magazines nor Warehouses for your goods neither at the Fort nor at Cuddalore ; we have sent down M^r^. Thomas Way, a very able man in building to survey the whole and bring us a plan of y^e^. work necessary to be done, which we hope to send your Hon^rs^. by the Howland, and shall only do as much as is absolutely necessary for the preservation of your Servants lives and the security of your goods and Magazines till we have your further Orders; this unexpected work falling upon our hands has prevented our getting ready the Draughts of our Hospitall and free gard house which we promisd in our last.

We are very sorry that when there is occasion to lay out so much mony here, there should be the same Necessity at Ft. St. David as the Gila. Letter of theirs to us. [We have sent] down Mr. Way to [survey &] bring us an Accot. of ye. necessary work to be done. [We] shall only support ye. old [wo]rks till we have yor. Honrs. orders

44. 'Tis universally confirmd by all that were under M^r^. Roberts when Deputy Govern^r^. of Fort St. David, that upon severall representations (made by Persons that understood Building) of the slightness of the work, he always Answer'd it would last his time, which shews the generous regard he had for Posterity and the interest of his Employers.

Mr. Roberts's disregard to Posterity in not building substantially.

45. Your Deputy Govern^r^. of Fort St. David having no place to lodge in was oblig'd to repair the Garden house, which was also tumbling down with the rains, being a building that was wholly contriv'd and manag'd by M^r^. Roberts to last his time; M^r^. Raworth writes that he has compleated it for five hundred and fifty Pagodas, which is so very reasonable that we could not deny reimburseing him out of your Cash, but not without a decent reprimand for his undertaking it without our Consent least it should be made a precedent of hereafter, this affair will appear at large upon our Consultation of the first of Decemb^r^.

Yor. Depty. Govr. of Ft. St. Dd. was obligd to repair ye. Garden house for a place to lodge in, wch. having done for 550 Pags. we have reimbursd him but wth. a reprimand for undertaking wth. out our leave.

46. Our Revenues are carefully look'd after and punctually paid, and no opportunity for further improvement shall be neglecte'd we are endeavouring to bring the Arrack distillers to a better standard, & do not dispair of success thô they are a perverse Generation.

The Revennes are duley taken care of & we will strive to improve ym.

47. The Renters of Egmore and your other Villages producing their Cowle which stipulates an Allowance to be made them in Seasons of Scarcity, we thought ourselves obligd in conscience to make them some abatement, as in

The reasons that induced to make abatemt. to ye. Renters of Egmore &ca.

Consultation dated the 10th. of Decembr. considering the crop of the last Season was almost wholly lost, and th[is] is the Custom among the Moors when they let out their Villages to rent.

Sixthly Touching Factors & Writers, Officers and Soldiers & their Accounts.

Ensign Presgrave & Lieut. Tanfeild dying, we have entertaind Jno. Caster in room of ye. former, & hope yor. Honrs. will send out none of ye. Latter that ye. deserving here may rise.

48. On the 18th. of Decembr. died Robert Presgrave Ensign, and on the 1st instant Liuet. Thomas Tanfeild; in the room of the former we have entertained John Caster who has serv'd an Ensign in Flanders, and [had] as many Lieuts. as we have occasion for we shall make no [more and] hope your Honrs. will forbear sending any, that those who behave themselves well here may have some prospect of preferment.

ye Officers pay will be reduced as orderd.

49. The Officers pay will be reduc'd this month pursuant to your Orders, and we have hopes of recovering Ensign Kirkbred from the Moors, wth. the rest of those vile wretches mentiond in our last deserted wth. him from Fort St David; they are now in the service of the Nabob at a great distance from us, and upon some advices that arrivd here of their good entertainment and large salarys, we had like to have lost great part of our Garrison, Seven deserted at one time, Three at another and about fifty more were in a Combination to follow, but we had the good fortune to overtake and bring back those that were gone, and by severe punishment inflicted upon the Ringleaders, we hope others will take warning, the whole number was too considerable to be punished; and this may serve to convince your Honrs. what sort of Soldiers we have to depend on.

We have hopes of recovering Kirkbred &ca:

The Discovery of a combination of about 50, of yo Soldiers to desert.

Great Numbers of Europeans are enterd ye Moors Service in Bgall. wch. may be of ill consequence.

50. We must not omit to acquaint you that there are great Numbers of Europeans gone into the Moors Service in Bengall this Year, wch. may prove of very ill consequence to our affairs hereafter, if their shou'd happen to be any Quarrell between us and the Moors.

Mr. Frasers comes on ys. Ship, he has deposited ye. Salary and Elephant Custom.

51. Your late Provisionall Govern. Mr. William Fraser takes his passage on this Ship, we have oblig'd him to deposite the sum mention'd in our last on Acct. Salary, and likewise the full Custom of ye Elephants mention'd in our Letter by the Bouverie.

Mr. Martins comes on ye. Derby.

52. Mr. William Martin has requested to lay down your Service & come home upon the Derby to plead his cause concerning the Warehouse Accts. which we consented to for reasons that will more properly fall in under the head of Accounts.

We have suspended Mr. Baker for his ill behaviour to ye. Dr Govr. upon his discovery of some ill practices as paymaster in clothg. the Soldiers.

53. Mr. Philip Baker one of your Councill at Fort St. David a person that has been long famous for a Scurrilous Tongue and disobedience to his Superiours, having lately behavd himself very abusively to your Deputy Govern. upon his having discover'd some unwarrantable practises in the Paymasters Employ, and particularly clothing the poor Soldiers at Extravagant rates as will appear by the Deputy Governrs. Letter dated the 6th of December No. 207, and another Letter from the Council dated the 22d Ditto No. 217, wherein the Accusation is fully Prov'd we have thought ourselves obligd to Suspend him for the present in order to keep up good Government in your Settlements, and we have directed for the future that your Poor Soldiers may have the benefit of your Honrs. Generosity in being cloath'd at prime cost, as well as the rest of your Servants, some of whom have much less occasion for it.

We have likewise orderd yt. ye. Soldrs. [to] be cloathd at prime cost.

54. Lieut^{t}. James Hugonin that lay so long prisoner in Chingy has petition'd us for some allowance towards his Expences, as enter'd after Consultation of the 29th. of Decemb^{r}. we humbly offer it to your Hon^{rs}. consideration as he has been a good old Servant, and sufferr'd very much, we have promisd him that in case he can discover any money or effects belonging to the Renters he shall be considerd.

Lieutt. Hugonin has petitiond us for an allowa. towds. his Expences when prisoner wch. we have promised if he can discover any Effects of the renters.

55. There are now Two vacancys at this Board, and upon reperusall of your Orders by the Heathcote, we think we ought to fill y^{m} up, and therefore shall make choice of Richard Horden and Joseph Smart who are the two Senior Servants, tho' there is a dispute of Seniority between them, which we hope your next Letters will decide, they are both Sober men and diligent in your Service, wherefore we hope You will please to confirm them.

We have filled up ye. vacancys in councill according to yor. orders by the Heathcote wth. Messrs. Horden & Smart.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

56. M^{r}. William Martin having severall times represented to us the hardships he shall lye under, in being made accountable for one half of the Warehouse Ballance, due under himself and Robert Raworth joynt Warehousekeep^{rs}. althô M^{r}. Raworth was forcibly joynd wth. him in that Employ, and kept the Keys by M^{r}. Pitt's particular Order; and having repeated his request that we would permitt him personally to appear and lay his case before Your Hon^{rs}. we have consented to his laying down the Service and coming home by this Ship, upon condition that he deposites here sufficient to make good the ballance due to the Warehouse under his management, and gives us an obligation to stand to what your Hon^{rs}. shall award concerning the Ballance due from him and Robert Raworth.

We have permitted Mr. Martin to come home upon his depositing sufficient to make good his Whse. Ballance & giving Bond to stand by yor. determination as to ye. joynt. Ballce. due from him & Mr. Rawth.

57. We must do M^{r}. Martin so much justice as to say that M^{r}. Raworth did keep the Keys by Govern^{r}. Pitt's order, the pretence for which was that he lay in the Fort and would always be at hand, and 'tis likewise well known that M^{r}. Raworth did act in all respects as if he had been sole Warehousekeep^{r}. but how far M^{r}. Martin's signing the Acco^{ts}. and making no Exceptions may make him liable in equity, is humbly Submitted to your Hon^{rs}. determination.

We must say this from Mr. Martin yt. Mr. Raworth kept ye. Keys & acted in a manner as sole Whsekeepr.

58. We have in our Letter by the Dartmouth laid this and severall other unfortunate mismanagements of the same Nature before your Hon^{rs}. with great plainness and truth, and we are (by some discoverys since made, which we have not now time to enlarge upon) confirm'd in our Opinion that the Warehousekeep^{r}. must be Answerable and not the Conicoply, where such unwarrantable trust has been reposed in him, or otherwise it will be better to make the Conicoply Warehousekeep^{r} at once under the inspection of the Govern^{r}. and Councill; M^{r}. Martin has often urg'd that the Consult^{n} (when Tonapa was made Conicoply) directs security to be taken, and from thence would inferr that the Board meant he the said Conicoply and his security should be answerable; 'Tis true the said Consultation did so direct but it was never done, and whose fault that was we leave your Hon^{rs}. to Judge, but if security had been taken, we cannot think by the Experience we have had that any Conicoply can find Security for such a Sum as Five Thousand Pagodas, which is nothing considering the Trust this Tonapa has had reposed in him, and if the Warehousekeeper does his duty a Thousand Pagodas would be sufficient Security for the Conicoply, who need never be suffer'd to have that Sum in his hands, and cannot defraud us of so much mony any other way, unless by the downright Negligence and carelessness of the Warehousekeep^{r} This Conicoply has but two Pagodas & a half a month wages for

Reasons why the Wrehsekr. & not ye. Conicoply, ought & must be accotble. for ye. charge committed to him.

Relating to taking security of Conicoplys, but that no Security had ever be had in any proportion to the trust of late reposd in Conecoplys.

himself and servants under him, and which way then can he perswade sufficient persons to be security for him in proportion to the Trust of the Warehouse, which if left to him, according to the practise of late years, is sometimes three or four hundred Thousand Pagodas at a time, and it is plain such a Sum as one hundred Thirty Thousand rupees, and Seven thousand Pag^{s}. in Bullion has been conveyed away.

Upon comparing ye conduct of ye 2 Whsekeep^{rs}. we think Mr. Martin has been hardly dealt with, but submit his case to yor. Hon^{rs}.

59. We have not time now to enlarge upon this unpleasant subject but submit M^{r}. Martin and his case to your Hon^{rs}. Consideration and clemency, only adding that it does not appear to us that he has been guilty of any fraud in his Employ, and in the Business of the joynt Warehousekeep^{rs} (all things fairly consider'd) we think he was very hardly dealt with, and so it will appear to your Hon^{rs}. when you compare the Conduct of the two Warehousekeepers together at the time when they acted singly by themselves.

Martin having been askd if he had any thing further to offer in his defence or favr. & answerd No, we hope yor. Hon^{r}. will hearken to no misrepresentations that may be made at home, till we can answer for ourselves.

60. M^{r}. Martin has been ask'd at the Board if he has any thing to offer in his own favour more than what already has been enter'd, if he has any wittnesses to be examin'd as to matter of Fact, or if he has been denied any favour that was in our power to shew him, to all which he answered in the Negative, as will Appear by our Consultation dated the 31st of December, and therefore we humbly hope that if any thing new is trumped up on his Arrivall in Eñgl^{d} your Hon^{rs}. will be pleas'd to suspend your Judgment till we can answer for ourselves, that we may not fall under your displeasure nor have our just Actions misrepresented, whilst we are labouring to procure your Satisfaction from those that when in our presence have little or nothing to say in their own justification.

We have been employd in examing. the Warehouse Acco^{ts}. to find how Mr. Empsons ballce. arises & how the joynt Stock Merch^{ts}. Acco^{t}. differs from ye Genl. Books & will send a report by ye Howland.

61. We have already wrote so fully in answer to your Accomptants Letter by this year's Shipping that we have the less to add under this head; all the Warehouse Acco^{ts}. have been very carefully examin'd more than once, and compar'd with your Generall books by those among us that are best skill'd in Acco^{ts}. from the time of M^{r}. Empson's coming into the Warehouse in the year 1706 in order to find which way M^{r}. Empson's ballance became due & how the difference arises between your joynt stock Merchants Acco^{t}. & the generall Books, we are almost asham'd to say we have not yet discover'd so much as to make a perfect report, but will not fail to send it by the Howland.

Mr. Rawth. has paid in no more yn. wt. mentioned ℔ Dartmouth

62. M^{r}. Raworth has not yet paid in more than what mention'd in our former Letter by the Dartmouth but we hope to get that Acco^{t}. cleard before our next Books are ballanc'd.

The Vizagapm. Books came so late that they could not be thôrôly examind, but we can perceive there wants a reformation in ye Expences &ca. there wch. we shall go upon when these Ships are dispatchd.

63. The Vizagapatam books that were sent upon the Dartmth. came so late that we had not time to give them a thorô Examin^{a}. and as they were Transcrib'd in great haste, the Copy remaining with us is found so defective, that we are forc'd to wait for another from Vizagapatam, however we can see enuff to convince us that there wants a thorô reformation in the Expences and management of that Settlement, and as soon as our Ships are dispatch'd we purpose to go through with that work, in w^{ch}. if we do not find the Success we hope for that Settlement will prove a sort of W^{t} Coast canker to your Estate.

In examining ye Warehsekr^{s}. Acco^{ts}. we find his

64. Among other inconveniencys that we have discovered in Examination of your Acco^{ts}. for past years, none is greater nor has contributed more to the Confusion of them, than the old method of the Warehousekeepers paying into

Consultation sums of mony in a lump Specified to be for Goods and Silver sold, so that as it was the practise to trust for Silver as well as goods, it is impossible for any body to discover what the mony stands out for, or who it is that owes it, and therefore we have thought it a much better method, that all Silver sold be paid for apart, and so enter'd in Consultation: Your Hon^rs^. will undoubtedly reflect that all these cautions are needless since the Warehousekeep^r^. debts himself and consequently is Accountable; but this particular method will help us the better to call upon the Warehousekeep^r^. for what Stands out, and as what has since happen'd may so fall out again, that the Warehousekeep^r^. may suddenly die insolvent, we shall be the better able to recover the mony from other people. We have made Severall other regulations as entere'd upon our Consultation Books, that will make it impossible for such things to be done hereafter as we have lately discover'd, unless by the Supine negligence of him that is at the head of your affairs.

paying in Sums in a lump for Goods & Silver sold has contributed much to ye confusion of them, wherefore we have agreed for future that all Silver be paid for a part & mentioned upon Consulta.

65. We have made a happy beginning by buying a part of the new Company's Debt to the Metchlepatam Merchants, in which we have acted with great caution and integrity, and that we may not swell this Letter too much, we begg leave to referr your Hon^rs^. to our Consultations of the 28^th^. of November and fourth of Dec^r^. The present unsteadiness of the Country Government, and the late Troubles that have cost you so dear at Fort St. David and Vizagapatam were prevailing motives to hasten our taking this work in hand, and we do not doubt but in a little time we shall make a further progress, thô the Merchants are in a very Strict combination under severe penaltys to act joyntly, and not dispose of any of their Shares apart.

We have bout. up a part of the Metchlepm. debt and are in hopes of making a further progress.

Eighthly Touching the West Coast.

66. By the Howland we received the Acceptable news of your Deputy Govern^r^. Collet's safe Arrivall at Bencoolen on the 9^th^. of August and by the ingenious Letter we have rec'd from him (such a one as we are sure is not to be found upon your records here) we are confirm'd in opinion, that if it pleases God to continue his health, the West Coast will soon be in a more flourishing Condition than it has ever been from the time of the first settlement: it shall be our constant care to supply them from hence with every thing necessary, and to give them our best Advices upon all occasions.

By the Howland we heard of Mr. Colletts arrivall at Benccolen & doubt not but yor. affairs will prosper under his Managemt.

67. They write us that they do not doubt dispatching the Toddington and Success in time to reach the Dutch Fleet, and if the Abington arrives we suppose they will send her hither, but that is not certain, and then we shall want a Conveyance for a necessary Supply of Stores and bale goods, thô at present they have more upon their hands than they can put off to advantage.

They dont doubt of dispatchg. the Toddington & Success in time.

68. It is in our humble opinion absolutely necessary that one of your W^t^ Coast Ships should annually touch here outward bound, which would be no manner of hindrance to her being dispatch'd home the same Season, and we shall have an opportunity of Reading your Orders and giving speedy directions upon them, as well as of supplying them w^th^. goods and necessary Stores without any charges Extraordinary, and if we mistake not, this will prevent them sending your Ships over hither, w^ch^. may be attended with severall inconveniencys.

It will be necessary that one of yor. Wt. Coast Ships shoud touch here outward bound.

69. We observe that there will be a necessity of entring upon that heavy Article of Building, but we have so intire a confidence in your Deputy Govern^r^. that we do believe he will do nothing but what is absolutely necessary and that as cheap as possible, we shall not repeat what he has wrote us on this Occasion not doubting but you will have a large Acco^t^. (from him directly) to your Satisfaction.

We observe there is a necessity for Building likewise at ye. West Coast, but we depend much on yor. D Govrs. frugality.

70. Your Ship President remains still upon the West Coast to transport pepper from the subordinate Factorys to Bencoolen and we know not where she can be better employ'd we will do our endeavour to procure proper Sloops for

Yor. Ship President is still employed on

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ye. Wt. Coast & we will endeavour to get sloops for that Service, & if you coud send them Coffrees they woud be usefull.

that service, and if you could find means to send them fifty or an hundr^{d}. Coffrees from Madagascar, they would, under this Gentleman's good management, prove a very advantageous Article to yo^{r}. Affairs.

They have promisd us their Genll. Books &ca ꝑ next Conveyance.

71. They have promis'd us their generall Books with a full Acco^{t}. of Skingles affairs, and what else we recommended to them by the next Conveyance; they found a great deal of Confusion in all your Business, but M^{r}. Collett has both capacity and application enuff to sett all to rights.

Of Seperate Stock Ships.

The Mermaid has got a loading in Bengall, wch. we suppose to be the reason why ye. Gentlemen there coud send us but 5 bales Gurrahs for package.

72. Under this head we shall only take notice that the Mermaid has made shift to get her full loading in Bengall, which may be one reason why Gurrahs were so scarce that they could afford us but five bales towards the package of all your goods; we would not be thought malicious on this Occasion: but the Supra Cargo declard publickly before he went from hence that he was sure of his loading, whether your Ships could get goods or no. This is y^{e}. last we have now among us, and we hope there are no more to come.

Capt. Rieds obligation to perform his Voya. to Malacca comes in the packet.

73. We send in the packett an Obligation which we took from Cap^{t}. *Reid in* the Arabella for performance of his Voyage to Malacca with advices for our Ships expected that way, and if he should not comply we hope you will recover the mony without any Trouble.

Of the French Dutch & Danes.

We hâ recd news from Pontichery that one of their Ships is arrivd the other daily expected & y^{t}. they intend to sail very shortly for Europe.

74. Yesterday we receiv'd advice from Pontichery that Mons^{r}. De Roquemadeau Commadore of the Two ffrench Ships was arrivd in the Eclatant from Mergy, and that the other is expected in 3 or four days, and what is best of all that they intend to return in few Days for Europe, Thank God they have met with no further success than what formerly wrote you, and if they are as good as their word, we make no doubt but to give the Howland a timely dispatch from Fort St. David.

The Dutch affairs on y^{s}. Coast go but heavily on, they have attempted to borrow mony of our Armenian Inhabitants.

75. The Dutch continue to sail in Squadrons all over India; their affairs seem to go heavily in generall, but more particularly on this Coast, and they have lately made an Essay to borrow a Sum of mony at interest of our Armenian inhabitants, but they are in no condition to supply them, and if they were we should not permitt it, since it is come to our Knowledge.

The G. & Councill of Negapm. desird us to deliver up one of our Inhabitants of their Nation wch. we did not think fit to comply with, he producing a discharge from them.

76. The Govern^{r}. and Councill of Negapatam thought fit some time ago to desire we would deliver up a free man of their Nation that is marryed and has been an Inhabitant here for some years, upon pretence that he was formerly a comp^{as}. Serv^{t}. but upon his producing a fair discharge when he left the Service, we thought ourselves oblig'd to continue him under your Hon^{rs}. protection, and gave them a civill refusall as you may please to observe in our Letter dated the 15th. Decemb^{r}. No. 164, which we hope will meet with your approbation.

77. The Danes have as yet no Ships arriv'd and will in a little time be reduc'd to very pressing circumstances, we must needs own that we have many obligations to them, for giving advices concerning our Enemies on all Occasions, and for their readiness to protect any of our Shipping or prevent them from falling into their hands.

The Danes have no Ship arrivd & are in very bad circumstances, tho they are very friendly Neighbours.

SUPPLEMENT OF WHAT HAS OCCURR'D SINCE THE FOREGOING HEADS WERE CLOS'D.

78. The Supra Cargoes of the Howland not having cut y^e^ Marks into the Lids of the Chests of Tea and Rawsilk, most of them are rubbd off with the paper, and the chests of Both being alike we could not distinguish the one from the other in the Traversing of Them, from Ship to Ship, but as the number of Chests is Right in the whole, we do not doubt but they will come out so in England, but want of time and convenience would not permit us to examine them here.

The Supr. Cargoes of ye. Howland not having cut marks on ye Chests of Tea & Rawsilk we can't distinguish ye. one from ye. other, but the number of both comes out right in gross.

79. M^r^. William Fraser upon his departure has return'd us sev^ll^. of your Hon^rs^ Books which he had in his Possession unknown to us tho' he has been often ask'd for them by y^e^. Accomptant, & among the rest we find those Europe Generall Letters from y^e^. year 1688 to 1692 which we wrote your Hon^rs^. word by the Dartmouth were wanting to compleat our Extract of your Hon^rs^ standing Orders, we shall keep a Register for the future of what books are deliver'd out for the Govern^rs^ use, and take receipts for such as there is occasion to deliver out to other people.

Mr. Fraser has deliverd us some of Yor. Honrs. Books wch. he had unknown to Us, tho' he had been askd for them.

80. M^r^. William Martin has Registerd a Bulse of Diamonds amounting to One thousand & Seven Pagodas, Twenty two fan^s^. and forty cash, which consequently will be deliver'd into your Hon^rs^: possession, and by the Darby we send one of his Obligations, with the List of what deposite he has made annexed thereto, and we assure you we should not have accepted of the adventures abroad, if he had been possess'd of any thing better.

Mr. Martin has registered a bulse of Diamonds value Pa. 1007-22: & by ye. Derby comes one of his Obligations; we should not have accepted his Adventures if he had any thing else.

81. No Wittness appearing against George Brand who had the misfortune to kill John Hughes at Fort St. David in a Rencountre, and it appearing to us by all Circumstances that what he did was in his own defence, to which add that he has behavd himself peaceably and well for Severall years in your Service, we would not let him perish in prison, where he has lain a twelve month in the worst of circumstances, and therefore have agreed to put him aboard the Howland.

No witness appears against Brand, who killd Hughes in a Rencountre, we shall send him on the Howland.

82. The Vizagapatam and Ingeram Bales that come by this Ship, have not the Sorters notes in them, because they came under jentue marks for fear of the Enemy.

The Vizagm. Goods have not the Sorters Notes in them.

83. By the Kent there came out a box of Necessarys for M^r^. George Wahup, of whose death we advisd your Hon^rs^. in our's by the Avarilla, our Paymaster took it into his possession, and dispos'd of it at publick outcry. An Acc^t^. sales thereof comes in the packet as also his Acco^t^. Curr^t^. the Ballance of which, being forty eight Pagodas, thirty Three fanams will be made good to your Cash.

Our Paym^r^. has Disposd of what came out for Geo. Wahup & the Ballce. Pag^s^. 48: 33: will be pd. into Cash.

Capts. Wotton & Holden have registerd sevll, Goods here as ℔ Lists in the Packet.

84. Capt. Thomas Wotten Commandr. of the Derby, and Capt. Richard Holden of the Mary, have registered here severall Goods for Great Britain, Lists whereof are in the Packett N°. 50 and 51.

This Ship's Cargo amots, to Pagods, 191458 : 18 : 30.

85. The Invoice of this Ship Amounts to One hundred ninety one Thousand, four hundred fifty Eight Pagodas, Eighteen fans. and thirty Cash, and we heartily wish her a safe Arrivall. We are with all respect

Hon^ble Srs,
Yor. Most Faithfull Humble. Servts.
Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederick.
Henry Davenport.
Edward Bulkley.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.

Fort St. George,
January ye. 11th. $17\frac{11}{12}$

General Letter from Fort Saint George, to the Company, January 11, 1713—[*Despatches to England, Vol. 3, Pp.* 103–111.]

To Ye. Hon^ble. Ye. Court of Directors for Affails of Ye. Rt. Hon^ble. United Company of Merchants of England Trading to Ye. East Indies.

Hon^ble. Srs.

In answer to yor. Accotts. Letter, dated 9th Janry. 1711.

1. Your Accomptants Letter dated the 9th Janry. 1709 was answerd by the Bouverie, and now we shall proceed to answer that recd. by this years Shipping dated the 9th of Janry. 1711.

The Vizagapm. Books C, went wth. Bouverie. The Article in our Journall H relating to Messrs, Martin & Rawth. is wrong by mistake of ye, Coppyer the Leidger Sum is right.

2. The Vizagapatam Books Letter C beginning the 1st of May 1704 and ending the 30th of Aprill 1705, were sent by Ship Bouverie & had come the year before had not the said Ship been detaind, and as to the Article in our Journall H page 131 of William Martin and Robert Raworth Warehousekeeprs. the Leidger Sum of Pags. Twelve thousand five hundred twenty six & twenty six fanams is right and the Journall Sum of Eighteen hundred forty six Pagodas, thirty five fanams and five Cash must be a strange mistake in him that copied the Books, being right in our Journall here ; Tis very true such vast Sums of mony ought not to continue in any of your Servants hands, your then Govr. and Councill are best able to give the reasons why it was so then, and we will take effectuall care that it shall be so no more, our Consultations and what we have already wrote you on this Subject since your present Govrs. arrivall, will fully explain the inconveniencys that have happen'd by this unwarrantable proceeding.

We will take care that no such large Sums shall stand out in the hands of yor, Servts. for ye. future.

We have undr. Considera. ye. rectifying our Books wth. those of Fort St. David.

3. We have under Consideration the rectifying our Books wth. those at Fort St. David, in which as your Accomptant observes there is a great difference in the Stock great part of which arises by the Negligence of your former Accomptants who has left out a whole years Account with Fort St. David. This shall be fairly adjusted in our Books that will end in Aprill next, and better care taken for the future.

As also. Those of Vizagapatam

4. We have wrote to Vizagapatam for a particular Acct. how that difference of Stock arises, and shall take care it be rectify'd also in our next Books.

Since ye. New Govrs. arrivall we have passd yearly Accots. Currt. wth. ye. Subordinate Factorys and Bengall.

5. Ever since your new Gov^rs^. arrivall we have pass'd yearly Accounts Currants, not only with our subordinate ffactorys but also with Bengall, by which means all mistakes will be avoided for the future, and our Journall parcells shall particularly explain which way the differences you mention have risen, tho' we can see already that it must be imputed to the downright negligence of your former Accomptants.

We have directed Ft. St. David and Vizagapm. to follow the rules of yor. 6th Parag.

6. We have already given directions to Fort S^t^. David and Vizagapatam, for observing the Rules mention'd in your 6^th^. Paragraph and we shall be sure to do the same here, that you may have a view at once of the charge those ffactorys stand the Hon^ble^. Company in.

We have agreed to let ye. Ballce. of Priaman Settlement Stand & open a New Accot. undr. ye. head of York Fort.

7. As for the Ballance of Priaman Settlement we have lately agreed to let it stand, and open a new Acco^t^. under the head of York Fort, and to commence from the time that your *new* Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. Collett opens his new Books, having receiv'd advices from thence that they intend to begin a new Acco^t^. of Remains, in order thereto as soon as we have receivd their old Books, of which none are yet come, we will endeavour to settle the old Account, and have already directed them to send us all their Books of Accounts &ca. Yearly.

We are endeavouring to retrench ye. Expences of yor. Settlements.

8. Your Hon^rs^. will see by severall of our Letters to Fort S^t^. David and Vizagapatam, that we are not wanting to endeavour as much as in us lies retrenching their Expences, & particularly those Extravigant Articles of Peons and Servants wages, the Reformation is now in hand, and your President Promises all imaginable care and frugality for the future both in this and other depending Settlements.

Relating to keeping the Accots. of our Vessells.

9. As to those remarks in the 9^th^ Paragraph concerning your Ship President &ca., we must confess those Accounts have been very irregularly kept, and the Vessells themselves as disadvantagiously employ'd, however they have not been credited for the freight of many Trips they have made, your Pres^t^. Gov^r^. finding upon his arrivall the ill method that had been us'd in keeping these Acco^ts^. it was determin'd to close and write them off, and to open new ones for the future in a better method, so that your Hon^rs^. may see at one view how each Vessell is employd and the annuall charge thereon; the observation in the 10^th^ Paragraph concerning the Rising Sun and the Maddapollam yatch is very True, but the Bookeeper has neglected to credi[t] them for severall Trips Backward and forward, more care shall be taken for the future and proper vessells procur'd if possible.

An Answer relating to ye. Debts standing out.

10. As to the Severall debts standing out at the close of Books G we shall answer Article by Article.

Pag^s^.:	fa:	ca:	
34:	4:	2	Nino the Carpenters debt, to which is added since thirty five Pag^s^. six fanams which he was indebted to y^e^. old Companys Letters transferrd to his Acco^t^. in Books M, is pag^s^. sixty nine, ten fanams & two Cash, w^ch^. we believe we shall be able to recover.
685:	30:	—	Serapa &ca Farmer of y^e^. town rents from June 1704, to which add one hundred sixty four Pag^s^. six fa^s^. he was indebted to the Stock of y^e^. Comp^a^. of Merch^ts^. of Lond^n^. & transferr'd to his Acco^t^. in Books Letter H, ending 1710, his Ballance is eight hundred & fifty Pag^s^. for w^ch^. Sum as also his Acco^t^. as one of the joynt Stock Merch^ts^. being Three Thousand four hundred & Seven Pag^s^. thirty fa^s^. and five Cash; he has given a mortgage to the Comp^a^. of all his houses and gardens amounting to Pag^s^. Eight thousand fifty five, bearing date the 25^th^ Nov^r^. 1703.

Pags.	fa.	ca.	
			Quolla Mootta is a debt that we have diligently enquird after since your present Govern^{rs}. arrivall, but can hear of no such
44:	15:	4	person nor can any body inform us about it, however we shall not cease our enquiry.
1:	4:	3	Ballance of Robert Raworth Storekeeper's Acco^{t}. is paid in Books Letter K.
			Combee Videe &ca Brickmakers is a debt brought into y^{e}. Books no man living knows how, unless M^{r}. Thomas Marshall can inform you, who was then Paymaster, strict enquiry has been
400:	–:	–	made about it, but we cannot discover any such persons, and are inclinable to believe that it was a loss sustaind in making bricks for the town wall, which ought to have fallen upon the paymaster & not the Hon^{ble}. Company.
–:	8:	3	Robert Raworth Land Customer was brought into y^{e}. said Raworth's Acco^{t}. when he enterd upon y^{e}. Sea Customs$^{r's}$. Emply, w^{ch}. we must confess was a very foolish practise.
			King of Cochin China for detension of Sloop Diana drove upon
1716:	18:	3	his coast when employ'd with advices for your China Ships; this Article has been kept upon your Books, to reserve a right for the future demands unless you order it to be wrote off.
1300:	–:	–	Peter Pomar &ca Arrack Farmers is cleared in Books Letter M, ending 1710.
1592:	27:	2	William Martin Sea Customer is paid into Cash in Books Letter M, except 9 fa: 1 ca: which is clear'd in Books Letter K, and no such pitifull ballances shall ever stand out in our time.
			Ponagettee Narso &ca Tobacco & Betle Farmers to w^{ch}. add seventeen hundred fifty Pag^{s}. they are indebted in Books H, ending Aprill 1710, for three month's rent to the 16th. March 1709/10 the time the farm was taken from them is thirteen
11783:	12:	–	thousand five hundred thirty three Pag^{s}. twelve fanams, of which in said Books they have paid in six thousand five hundred forty one Pag^{s}. ten fanams, remaining six thousand nine hundred ninety two Pag^{s}. two fan^{s}. which Sum they now stand indebted, what relates to this affair your Hon^{rs}. will read in y^{e}. Consult^{s}. of the 17th. March 1709/10 and in y^{e}. Generall Letter ℔ Dartmouth paragraph 113.
114:	7:	2	Pera Powder Maker, to whom we are always oblig'd to advance mony towards the making of powder, we take care not to let him run too much in Arrears, but as he is constantly employed he will allways stand indebted something.
238:	27:	–	Deago &ca for the fishing Farm at fifty Pag^{s}. ℔ ann^{m}. due the 30th. of Aprill 1709, they continue in the Farm and will duly clear their Acco^{t}. in Books L.
			Peter Pomar Farmer of the wine Licence is paid off in the
400:	–:	–	month of May in Books M, ending 1710.
			Maria Pois for a years rent of the Com$^{a's}$. Garden due the 27th. May 1709, this received by the Rentall Gen^{ll}. but not brought
30:	–:	–	to her credit in the Books till he delivers in his Acco^{te}. which makes her appear a debtor when she is not, wherefore for y^{e}. future we shall debt y^{e}. Rentall Generall for the same and not let her stand a head in the Books.
			Moortee &ca Washers for Paddy deliver'd them in Octob^{r}. & Feb^{ry}. 1708, it is a Custom to advance the Washers either in Mony or grain at the Market price which they chuse them-
474:	4:	1	selves, towards washing Callicoes, and as they are in constant

Pags.	fa.	ca.	
			employ they will be allways indebted more or less, we being oblig'd to advance them mony as they are so poor that otherwise all that Business must stand still.
			Colloway & Vincatte Chittys former joynt Stock Merchants is an Acco^{t}. that has cost us some months labour and pains since your present Gov$^{r's}$. Arrivall, we have made a good progress therein and hope to send a perfect report by the Howland, but there has been so much negligence in the Warehouse Acco^{ts}. of late years, so much unwarrantable trust repos'd in
25720 :	1 :	1	the Black Conicoplys and so little care has your Accountant taken to make true adjustments at the yearly ballance of your Generall Books, that thô we cannot possitively affirm it was done with design to abuse You, no reasonable man that understands Acco^{ts}. can put any other construction upon such proceedings, and we have already too much reason to fear the event will justifie what we say.
			Robert Raworth Paymaster in Books M he is credited by Gulston
4 :	31 :	–	Addison Paymaster four Pag^{s}. twenty six fan^{s}. so that there remains five fan^{s}. which is paid into Cash in Books K ending 1712.
8 :	4 :	–	Gulston Addison Paym^{r}. paid in Books Letter H.
			Thomas Frederick Sea Customer, that Acco^{t}. is carried on in Books Letter M and I, when the Ballance is Pag^{s}. seven hundred seventy six, Eleven fa. & two Cash which is clear'd in
18433 :	27 :	2	Books K, the reason why that Ballance was carried to[the] third pair of Books, was from the Receivers Sickness, for thô the Sea Customer debts himself for every months Custom the mony is collected in by the Receiver and by him deliverd to the Sea Customer, who never has it longer in Custody than a few hours before it's paid into Consultation, and thô the ballance of his Acco^{t}. is considerable, yet the Receiver is not able to get it in, in some time, there being always a reasonable time allow'd to the Merchants, who never sell their goods for less than a month's trust, and sometimes two or three so that they think it hard they should be called upon for their Customs, before they have receivd their mony, your Hon^{rs}. however may please to observe you have rarely suffer'd in this Branch of your Revenue.
1202 :	22 :	2	Richard Hunt Land Custom^{r}. is cleard in Books Letter M.
973 :	29 :	5	Henry Davenport Storkeep^{r}. carried on into Books Letter I, where it is clear'd.
52 :	23 :	–	Kistnama Conicoply is dead insolvent & his house seizd which we hope will clear the debt in the next Books.
			Gruapa &ca Arrack Farmers from y^{e}. 15th. of March 1708/9 at Pag^{s}. three thousand eight hundred ℔ annum, you may please to observe at the close of the books they are chargd wth. a whole years rent, and that they had paid in one month's amounting to three hundred sixteen Pag^{s}. Twenty four fa. so remains three thousand four hundred eighty three Pag^{s}. twelve
3483 :	12 :	–	fanams which is duly clear'd in the next books M, by their monthly payments, when at the close of them books they are again charg'd with a years rent, which has been the usuall Custom, but seeing it represents to your Hon^{rs}. as if they were debtors for so much at the close of the Books, when in reality they are not till the expiration of the year, we shall for the future charge those farmers at the opening the Books, and not at the close, when it will appear that if they make their due

Pags. fa. ca.

payments, upon the ballance of the Books they will be indebted no more than one months rent, which falls out of Course.

Colloway & Vincattee Chittee farmers of Egmore &ca Towns from p^mo. July 1708 at 1750 Pag^s. ℔ annum, this Rent is paid yearly,

1750 : – : – and as your Hon^rs. will see by the following Books M, it was paid in the month of August 1709, which is a month after it was due, this rises likewise from debting them the whole years Rent upon the Close of y^e. Books which shall be rectify'd.

1200 : – : – Colloway & Vincattee Chitty Farmers of Trivitore &ca five towns from y^e. 16^th. Oct^r. 1708 at 1200 Pag^s. ℔ Anñ. This is a debt of y^e. same nature as the former, being paid in Novemb^r. 1709.

Simon Kilpatrick & Lewis Lewis Malique farmers of the wine Licence from the 25^th. of March 1709 at Pag^s. two hundred,

200 : – : – this likewise arises as the forementioned Article and is paid into Cash by severall payments and clear'd in Aprill 1710, the method of which shall likewise be alter'd.

We will do our utmost to recovr. all debts standing out, but some there unavoidably must be.

[11.] And thus we have Answer'd to the Debts mentiond in the 11^th. para, no care shall be wanting in us to recover all debts standing out and we will endeavour that your Accomptant shall have no occasion to send us such long lists for the future only we begg you to observe, that your Warehousekeeper Store keeper Land Custom^r. & Sea Customer must of Necessity stand debtor more or less when the Books are clos'd and especially the Sea Customer it being the time of year for the greatest Import, but it is our Business to take care that no ballance remain in their hands, but that all be paid in as fast as it is receiv'd and this we promise your Hon^rs. shall be effectually perform'd.

We have the following Accot. of ye. Ft. St. David Debts.

[12.] We have wrote to Fort S^t. David concerning their Debts standing out, to which they return the following Answer :

6 : – –	Due from Manuell Cordeiro from y^e. 20^th. November 1708 will be recovered this year.
24 : – : –	Manuell Gonsalves receivd in Books Letter I.
217 : – : –	Woodee Naigue Reddee &ca, forgiven them on Acco^t. of Losses in Books Letter K.
6 : 20 : –	Shewella Parera Watchman of the Bounds will be recover'd if Possible.
112 : 9 : –	Chillemander Powderman will be rectify'd at the close of y^e. next Books and is not a reall Debt.
60 : – : –	Batsua Gruapa will be clear'd.
12731 : 2 : –	Omar Nina &ca Merchants was clear'd when the goods upon Contract were brought in, and since we now pay them no mony till their goods are brought in, they cannot be in our debt hereafter.
64 : – : –	Mockdam Nina a good debt and will be recover'd this Year.
175 : – : –	Cootah Arrack Renters is adjusted and paid.
763 : 20 : –	Eram Rauz &ca. Adjusted in Octob^r. last, and will be paid in Books L.
75 : – : –	Peram Rauz a prisoner for y^e. said debt which is likely to be clear'd this year.

We have made it a standing Ordr. to ballce. ye. Merch^ts. Accots. at ye. close of the Books.

[13.] We have made a standing Order [in] all Settlements und^r. this Presidency, that the joynt Stock Merchants Acco^ts. shall allways be ballanc'd with the generall Books, which we dont find has ever been practisd before, but as cloth is usually coming in at that time, We think it will be sufficient that the ballance be agreed to on both sides, and the Acco^t. sign'd by y^e. Merchants in an Acco^t. Curr^t. Book kept for that purpose.

Para : No. 13 Requires No Answer.

14. Most certainly the great Sum your Hon^rs. mention need not have been borrow'd at Interest, if all debts had been calld in, and we assure your Hon^rs. you shall have no cause to complain on that head for the future.

The Mony yor. Honrs. mention need not hâ been borrowd at Interest if all debts had been collected.

15. The Sums mention'd in that paragraph shall be wrote off according to your Order.

16. The paragraph is already answerd in our Generall Letter by y^e. Dartmouth, and more will be said upon the same subject in our report, which we hope to perfect and send by Ship Howland, concerning the said Empson's Warehouse Ballance, and Colloway and Vincatte Chittee your joynt Stock Merchants Acco^t. Current.

Relating to Mr. Empson's Ballce. & Colloway & Vincatty Chittys Accot. a report shall come by the Howland.

17. We have already wrote to Vizagapatam concerning M^r. Holcomb's Ballance and hope we shall have an Answer to come by the Howland.

We ha wrote to Vizm. concerning Holcomb's Ballce.

18. Our Present Accomptant begs pardon for an Omission in y^e. two last generall books; M^r. Richard Hunt who ballanc'd those ending in 1711 before he dyed Ship'd an Article of Five thousand nine hundred ninety two Pag^s. six fanams and three Cash, paid your old joynt Stock Merch^ts. Colloway and Vincattee Chitty for interest due on mony advanc'd towards your Investments as also Pag^s. 298: 18 - for what short credited them on callicoes bought, in which is the Reason they were forgot in last years Books that came by the Dartmouth; when they have credit for that sum which will be brought into our present Books they will stand Debtors Pag^s. eight thousand six hundred twenty seven, and twenty two fanams, which is the Article that we propose to make a full report of by the Howland.

relating to some Errors committed by Mr. Hunt in ye. old joynt Stock Merchts. Accot.

19. Our utmost Endeavours shall not be wanting to procure yo^r. Hon^rs. Satisfaction from those that have embezzled your Estate, and your business shall be kept up in such a manner that those who come after shall meet with none of that plague and trouble, which has almost constantly employ'd us ever since your present Govern^rs. Arrivall. We are

We shall do our utmost to procure yor. Honrs. Satisfaction of those that have wrongd you & to prevent such Confusion as has happend.

FORT ST. GEORGE
JAN^RY. Y^E. 11: 171$^2/_3$

Hon^ble. S^rs.
Your most faithfull hum^ble Serv^ts.

EDWARD HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.

TO CAP^T. RICHARD HOLDEN
COMM^DR. OF SHIP MARY

Your Ship being laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor, set sail and make the best of your way for your most speedy attaining the Port of London, and when you arrive at any Port of Great Britain, you are to send by your Purser our Packett directed to the Hon^ble. y^e. Court of Directors for affairs of the Rt. Hon^ble. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, to whom your Ship goes consign'd, which packett is in a Box markd A.

We here deliver you a Packett mark'd B, which you are to forward by Post or otherwise from the first Port of your Arrivall in Great Britain, Ireland or Holland, writing yourself to y^e. Hon^ble. Directors giving them an Acco^t. of what

has happen'd materiall in your Voyage; and the Box mark'd C, you are to send by the first safe conveyance after you are in the river of Thames, containing Books of Acco^{ts}. the Hon^{ble}. Directors have complain'd that while their Ships have lain in Ireland or Holland for want of Convoy, they have wanted our advices, thô at the same time the Commanders have had possitive orders to forward a small packett of our's to them, on their first safe Arrivall in any of those Ports which we admire has not been obeyd, and therefore we enjoyn you again to send the foremention'd packett B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrivall in England.

You will herewith receive a Pacquett sign'd by y^{e}. Gov^{r}. only and directed to yourself containing Secret orders for your homeward bound passage, which the Hon^{ble}. Directors command you strictly to observe and you are not to open it till you come into ten Degrees South Latitude on this side the Cape and then it is to be done in the presence of your mates and purser, whose attestations you are to take of the same in order to make Oath thereto if requird on your arrivall in England.

Tis the Company's orders that if any Ship be so late dispatch'd hence or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Ceylon and stay no longer there than the beginning of July, but if it so happens that they get up with the Cape or near it, 'Tis then their orders that they go to Mauritius to the South East side, which is on the windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a Settlement taking great care of their going in, 'tis further orderd that you do all possible to avoid going to the north West harbour or Carpenter's Bay where it is likely the French Ships will look in, we are very credibly informed that the Dutch have left the Island, so that you must be very carefull how make it and be always upon your Guard and keep constant looking out to prevent being surprizd by an Enemy, securing yourselves in the best manner you can during your Stay there.

The Company have sent out a standing order to S^{t}. Helena w^{ch}. they order us to incert in all your instructions that whoever of you touch at that Island you bring your Ship to an Anchor before you come open will Chappell valley near Munden's point if you don't meet with good anchor hold sooner, and then send your Boat ashore to give the Gov^{r}. intelligence what you are, for he is orderd to let no Ship pass that point and come into the road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship should attempt to break this order, the Gov^{r}. wou'd not fail to fire on them.

We strictly enjoyn you from coming near any Ship at Sea there being several French Ships abroad & more daily expected.

You must allways keep the severall Packetts herewith deliver'd you at hand, and in case you are in Danger of falling into y^{e} Enemies hands (which God forbid) you are to throw them over board with sufficient weight to sink them, together with all private Letters in your Ship and whereas you sail hence in Comp^{a}: with the London and Derby, the former of which will leave you near Ceylon, we possitively direct that you keep Company with the Derby to y^{e} Cape and if any Accident should prevent your reaching the Dutch Fleet we would have you make all possible speed to S^{t}. Helena (with as many of our Hon^{ble} Masters Ships as you find there) in Comp^{a}: together, and be sure to have your Ship clear for defence at all times but more especially when near the Land.

We wish you a prosperous Voyage, and date these in Fort S^{t} George this Eleventh Day of Jan^{ry}: one thousand seven hundred and twelve thirteen.

EDWARD HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
EDWARD BULKLEY.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO THE HONBLE YE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP MARY CAPT: RICHARD HOLDEN COMMDR.

No. 1 Fort St. George Generall Letter dated ye 11th: Janry: 171⅔.
2 Ditto, answer to ye Accomptant's Letter dated dº time.
3 Copy Ditto ℔ Dartmouth dated 14th: Octobr: 1712.
4 Ditto ℔ Dartmouth dated 15th Ditto.
5 Copy Ditto ℔ John & Elizabeth dated ye 27th: Ditto.
6 Invoice of Ship Mary amounting to Pags 191458: 18: 30.
7 Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
8 Copy of the Dartmouth's Invoice amounting to Pags 180158: 28: 2.
9 Second Bill of loading of Ditto Ship.
10 Copy of the List of the Packett ℔ Ship Dartmouth.
11 Copy of Ditto ℔ John and Elizabeth.
12 Abstract of the Sundry particulars that have been sent to and Receiv'd from the Bay since the first of May 1711.
13 Surgeons of Ships Marlbrô, Kent & Recovery their 2d Receipts for head mony.
14 List of goods register'd by Capt Wotton dated ye 23d: June 1712.
15 List of Demands for the Warehouse for the Year 1714.
16 Presidents Accot: Sales of Corrall ℔ Ships Dartmouth & Marlbrô.
17 Accot: Coinage of gold ℔ Ships Marlbrô and Recovery.
18 Copy of a Letter to the Duan about the Pegue Embassadors.
19 Copy of Mr Bernard Benyons Narrative of Fort St. David.
20 Copy of the Articles of Peace agreed wth: Serrop Sing.
21 The Rt Honble Companys Accot Revenues from ye Prime May to ye pmo Decemr 1712.
22 Copy of Mr William Martin's Answr: to Mr Raworth's reply, dated ye 4th Septr: 1712.
23 Copy of a Consultation held on Board the Mary by ye Commdrs & Officers.
24 Copy of Capt Beckfords request for 74 Ton of Salt Petre.
25 Copy of ye Revd Mr Robert Jones's Accot: Curr: & outcry Accot:
26 List of Diamonds laden of Ship Mary.
27 Copy Ditto ℔ Dartmouth.
28 Paymasters List of Ship Mary's Company.
29 List of ye United Comp's: Servts. in ye Presidency of ye Coast of Choromandell &ca:
30 List of Covenanted Servants rec'd in Fort St. George ℔ Ships Marlbro & Kent.
31 Pay masters List of Soldiers recd from England ℔ Ships Marlbro, Kent & Recovery.
32 List of Stores wanting in Fort St. George.
33 Surgeons List of medicines wanting in ye Garrison of Fort St. George.
34 List of Marriadges, Christenings & Burials in Fort St George to ye Ultº: Decr: 1712.
35 Muster roll of the First Company of Soldiers in Fort St. George.
36 Muster roll of the Second Ditto.
37 Muster Roll of the Gunroom Crew.
38 Storekeepers Accot: remains to ye Ultº: Decembr: 1712.
39 Abstracts of ye Mint Accots.
40 Abstracts of ye Sea Customers Accots: from ye pmo May to Ultº: Decembr: 1712.
41 Abstracts of the paymasters Accots: from ye 1st Sept to ye Ultimo Novr: 1712.
42 Abstracts of the Land Customr's Accots from ye 1st May to ye Ultº: Decemr: 1712.
43 Abstracts of the Storekeepr's accots. from the [*Lacuna*].

44 Copy List of good registerd by Capt: Beckford.
45 Accot of Ships arrivd at and saild from Fort St George to ye Ulto: Decr 1712.
46 Copy of a Letter from the President and Council in Bengall ℔ Ships London Derby and Mary dated ye 10th Decembr:
47 Draughts of the Fort as proposed to be alter'd.
48 Capt Alexander Reids obligation to touch at Malacca.
49 Mr George Wahup's deceasd Accot: Outcry & Accot: Currt:
50 List of Goods registerd by Capt: Holden.
51 Copy Ditto ℔ Capt Thomas Wotton.
52 Copy of Captain Holden's dispatch.
53 Presidents Pacquett for the worshll. the Secrett Committee.
54 Acct. Package of Tea ℔ Mary.
55 Mr. Bulkley's Accot. Currt. with Mr. John Rudge deceas'd.
56 Acct. Remains in the Warehouse.
57 List of the Packett.

LIST OF BOOKS VIZT.

Copy Fort St. George Journall & Liedger Letter K.	Comencing 1st May 1711 Concluding Ulto. Apr.ll 1712
Consultations & Diarys	Commencing Primo Janry. 171½ Concluding 5th. Ditto 171⅔
Letters Receivd	Commencing primo Janry. 171½ Concluding Ultimo Decr. 1712
Letters Sent	Commencing primo Janry. 171½ Concluding Ultimo Decr. 1712
Cash Account	Commencing primo Janry. 171½ Concluding Ultimo Decr. 1712
Country Letters	to the Ulto. Decr. 1712

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO YE. HONBLE. YE. COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP DERBY CAPT. THOMAS WOTTON COMMANDR.

No. 1. Fort St. George Generall Letter dated Janry. 11th. 17⅓
2. List of Stores wanting from Europe.
3. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1714.
4. Mr. Martin's Bond to abide by the Honble. Court of Directors determina. concerning the warehouse Ballance.
5. Copy List of Goods register'd by Capt. Thomas Wotton dated 23d. June 1712.
6. List of Goods register'd by Ditto dated 10th. January 171⅔
7. List of Diamonds Laden of the Derby.
8. Abstract of the Sundry particulars that have been sent to and Receivd from the Bay since ye. 1st of May 1711.
9. List of the Pacquett.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY FEBRUARY 4, 1713

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TO THE HONBLE. YE. COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHNNTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO YE. EAST INDIES.

HONBLE. SRS.

℔ Ship Howland Capt. Small Lewis Commr. The Date of our last.

I. Our last to your Honrs. was by Ship Mary that fill'd up here and saild in Company with the Darby the 11th: Ultimo, a Duplicate of our Letters with some of the most materiall papers went in a flying packett by the Darby; and we make no doubt but they will arrive time enuff at the Cape to joyn the Dutch Fleet.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

2. We have receivd no news concerning your Shipping in any part of India since our last, except from Bengall, whence they write us under the 15th. Ultº. that the Kent would be fully laden and dispatch'd for Europe by the latter end of yᵉ. month, and that the Recovery will sail in Compᵃ: with her as far as lyes in her way to Persia, they add that they are forced to Kentilage the Kent with a thousand maund of Tincall for want of Salt Petre, and that they can expect none from Patna till Novembʳ. next, so that we shall be utterly disabled from sending you a Ship in Octobʳ. the Capᵗ. of this Ship having made a Demand of a thousand Baggs more than his Charterparty Kentilage, which has swept our Godowns; nothing should have prevail'd with us to let him have so large a quantity but that the Ship is well known to be so very crank in her built, that she cannot safely sail with less, and the want of sufficient weight in her bottom, would undoubtely hazard her passage about the Cape.

We heard from Bengall that ye. Kent would sail for Europe & ye. Recovery for Persia ye. latter end of Decr. They add that they shall have no Salt petre come down from Patna next year till Novr. so that we cannot send you an October. Ship for want of Kintlige this Ship having swept our Godowns.

3. If we should find by this Years Shipping that the war continues in Europe we have thoughts of sending what Bales we can get ready down to Bengall to be sent away from thence in time for the Dutch Fleet, for if their Petre does not come down till Novembʳ. we cannot expect any before January and then they may send their Ships to fill up here.

If the Warr continnes we have thots. of sending our bales to the Bay.

4. This ship Howland was ready to have proceeded to Fort Sᵗ. David, by the middle of last month, where there were Bales sufficient to fill her up; but as the biggest ffrench Ship of 60 Guns was then in Ponticherry Road and the other hourly expected, we chose rather to desist having very good Assurances that they intended to sail in few Days for Europe; accordingly the Commadore went away a single Ship the 22ᵈ. and 'tis generally believ'd intends to try his fortune off the Cape; the other Ship call'd the Fendent of fifty Guns arriv'd Pontichery the 24th. and we had just timely notice to detain the Howland here a few Days longer, and she now lies Ready to proceed the moment we receive News that the Coast is clear.

The Howland might have gone for Fᵗ. St. David ye. middle of last moth. but for the ffrench Ships, one of wᶜʰ said ye. 22ᵈ. the other daily expected to go, when She shall immediately proceed.

5. We are very glad to Acquaint your Honʳˢ. that these two ffrench Ships have met with no further Success than what mention'd in our former, thô they have seperated themselves in their passage over from Mergen in hopes to have a better chance for meeting with some of our Ships; the Howland was but five Days a head of them, and severall others of our Ships have narrowly escap'd them, we heartily wish the same good fortune may Attend them home to Great Brittain, tho' 'tis but too like[ly] that these disappointed Ships will wait for them about the pitch of the Cape, and some Leagues to windward of St. Helena.

These ffrench Ships have met with no further success than what mentioned in our former.

6. The Commander of the Howland being uneasy at our detaining him longer than the time limitted in Charterparty we made him sensible of our readiness to dispatch him, if he insisted, and of the Danger both Ship and Cargo would be expos'd to, if he went to Fort Sᵗ. David before the ffrench Ships were off the Coast. We begg leave to refer you to our Consultation of the 10th. Ultimo for what pass'd further on this Occasion.

The Capt. of ye. Howland being uneasy at staying longer than his Charter-party time, we laid before him ye. Danger of his proceeding till ye. ffrench were gone off ye. Coast.

Capt. Cornwall having come back to India to ransom his Ship but beg disappointed takes passage on this Ship, he has deliverd us a Narrative of hiscapture wch. comes in ye. Packt.

7. Capt. Henry Cornwall late Commdr. of ye. Sherborne having as he tells us return'd to India after ye. Loss of his Ship, upon a promise made him by the ffrench Commodore that he would let him ransom her for so small a Sum as 500 Pags. but finding himself deceiv'd in his Expectations arriv'd here from Pontichery the 26th. Ultº. and comes home Passenger upon this Ship having deliver'd us in a Narrative of his misfortune which comes in the Packett No. 25, and thereby your Honrs. may please to observe that if he had stood to the Eastward when he first saw the three ffrench Ships, there had been a chance for his escaping in the Night.

We have examind the Howlands Cargo & Books.

8. The Howland's Cargo from China having been weigh'd off & examin'd we begg leave to refer your Honrs. to the Warehousekeeprs. report enter'd after Consultation of the 2d. inst. the Supra Cargoes were calld upon to see it done, but alledg'd it was no part of their Business, as they were not intended to have come hither upon the Ship. Our Accountant has likewise examind their Books, and made a report as enter'd after Consultation of the same date, we are of Opinion by ye. advices we had from our own people that Negociated in China the same Season with the Howland, that their Business was as well done as time and Circumstances would admitt; but considering the disappointment of Demorage &ca your Honr's. will be no gainers in the end by this round about Voyage.

We send 100 tubs of Camphire by the Howland it bearing no price here.

9. The Dutch have lately imported such large quantitys of Camphire that the price is very much fallen, and what is come upon the Howland will not sell for near what it cost in China, wherefore finding by the last price Currt. that it was worth Sixteen pounds an hundred we have ventur'd to send yor. Honours an hundred Tubs, being well assur'd that the remaindr. will sell the Better here.

We intend good part of the Howlands Copper & Tutaneg for the Bay, there being too much for the market & we expecting more ℔ Stretham.

10. The Dutch Compa's. settled price for selling Japan Copper upon this Coast is fifty three Pags. ℔ Candy at Present, and the last Tutanague was sold here at 74 Pags. but this great quantity by ye. Howland will undoubtedly make a considerable alteration in the price, and therefore we continue our resolutions to send good part of it down to the Bay upon ye. Marlbrô, making no doubt but that the Stretham will bring a further supply since Gold is both scarce and dear in China.

We shall send ye. Marlbro with the Howland to Ft. St. David for fear of an Accident.

11. We have determin'd to send the Marlbrô in Compa. with ye. Howland to Fort St. David for fear of any Accident, & to hasten her dispatch as well as to Supply that place with stores which if put aboard the Howland would take up some time to unlade them, and be a hindrance to her Departure.

We have put aboard this Ship 16½ Leagers Arrack & 8 Cannisters Sugar for St. Helena.

12. We have pursuant to your Orders put aboard this Ship for the use of St Helena 16 & ½ Leagers of Batavia Arrack and eight Cannisters of Sugar weighing net pounds 2195 of which we have advis'd the Govr. and Councill.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

Our Subah's Warrs put Trade into ye. Country to a stand.

13. Having wrote largely under this Head in our former Letters we have now very little to add; our Suba is at present engag'd in a war with the Misore people very prejudiciall to the Trade of these parts, the roads into the Country being impassable so that little or no broad cloth goes off at present, nor indeed any other Sort of goods, we hope the Fate of the Empire will be soon decided and that we shall have some Active men to govern in these Parts, till when Trade cannot flourish.

14. Our joynt Stock Merchants have at this time between four and five hundred bales of Broad Cloth in the Godowns besides about 150 Bales of Red which we have lying by us & cannot be dispos'd of till a Supply of green Arrives.

Our Merch^ts have by them betwn. 4 & 500 bales brd. cloth, & we 150, of red wch. won't go off till we receive ye. green.

15. Our Naval Stores are at Present a very profitable Article as any your Hon^rs. send out, besides the Encouragement of y^e. Naval Trade, & we do not doubt but by good management they may so continue. *We desire ten or a Dozen* Culverin Guns the longest that can be got and very well fortifyed for the use of the Sea Side, and that particular care be taken that the Bores be true, we have not any that will fling a Shot so as to do any Execution where the Ships usually ride nor indeed where they can safely come in upon Occasion, & upon a late Survey we find the best Guns in the Garrison, and especially those to the Sea Side are hony Comb'd in the mussels, and have been fill'd up with melted lead which we are very sure was never done here, a few long Demi Culverin & Sacar Guns are likewise much wanted, there is never an Anchor in the place of above ten hundred should any of your Ships be in the greatest Distress, and very few of that weight, what we have are most two to four hundred, and we are told there is the same want of large Anchors in Bengall, we hear they have more at Bombay and Surat than they know what to do with, and shall speedily write to desire (if it be so) to send what they can spare hither this monsoon.

Navall Stores a very profitable Article. We desire some Culverin, Demi Calverin & Sacar Guns, for the use of y^e. Sea Side, most of what we have are hony combd. We are in want of large Anchrs. & hearing they have more at Bombay than they have occasion for we shall [write for some.]

16. We must again assure your Hon^rs. that we can hardly pick out of all the paper sent us by this last Shipping wherewithall to do our most materiall Business, we are not very sure whether the fault be Originally in the Paper, or in the Damp contracted during the Voyage, for want of being more carefully put up, but this is most certain very little of it will bear Ink on both Sides, and great part is fit for no use at all but waste paper.

Complaints of the Paper sent out

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

17. We have got all the Vizagapatam and Ingeram Cloth washd to come by this Ship, and as each Sort is particularly expressd in the Invoice your Hon^rs. may please to observe which turns best to Account, that we may have your Directions how to proceed hereafter; we have viewd it carefully here and cannot say it is altogether answerable to our Expectation nor so well sorted as it should be, for which M^r. Thomas Faucet imployd at Ingeram alledges that he was forcd to Ship it off in a hurry as it came in from the weavers for fear the Nabob should sieze it when he plunder'd the Neighbouring Country however we have sorted it by our musters here and shall give Directions to Vizagapatam that when the Merchants Acco^t. is settled reasonable abatements may be made.

The Vizagapatam & Ingeram Cloth comes by this Ship. Remarks thereon.

18. It is absolutely our Opinion that unless we can encrease yo^r. Investments to the Northward in those valuable Articles of long cloth and Sallampores, Vizagapatam Factory will prove a Canker to your Estate, for as there is an absolute Necessity to maintain a Garrison sufficient to protect them against the Insults of the Nabob, the Expence will be allways more than the mean Investments hitherto made in those parts will bear, we are at work to retrench the Expence as low as possible, of which we shall be able to give a full Acco^t. in our next; M^r. Hastings has long ago promis'd us a Draught of the River and a project for making a Peer to shelter Ships of burthen but we have not yet receiv'd it nor do we believe by what we can learn from those who have seen it that the undertaking can ever quit cost.

It is our opinion that unless we can enlarge y^e. Investments in longcloth & Sallampores to y^e. Northward, Vizagapm. Factory is not worth keeping.

If this Ship arrives safe we hope we shall have answerd yor. Expectas. & we have 4 or 500 bales left wch. we design for the Bay.

19. If it pleases God to send this Ships Cargo well to your hands, we hope we have pretty well Answer'd your Expectations and we shall have left between five and six hundred Bales which were designd as a Reserve to fill up the Kent upon their writeing from the Bay, that they should not be able to do it, and those we propose to send down thither by all opportunitys.

When this Ship is gone we shall proceed upon new investments & hope to procure an Abatemt.

We send 3 Sorts of handcherchefs by this Ship, ye. Paliacat are best of wch. we can get 2000 ps. yearly & shall wait your Orders concerns. them.

20. As soon as this Ship is dispatch'd we shall proceed vigorously with a new Investment both here and at Fort St. David, and providence having blessd us with a plentifull crop of grain and large Supplys by Sea so that the poor are at present intirely easy, we do not doubt but to procure a proportionable Abatement upon the prizes of our Goods; we hope the Stretham will be here in time to supply us with mony, if not we will make the best shifts we can that your Shipping may not lye upon our hands, we send by this Ship three different sorts of Cotten Romall handkerchiefs, one sort made here, another at Palliacat, and a third Right Metchlepatam which are particularly distinguish'd in the Invoice; we look upon those made at Paliacat to be much the best and cheapest, and believe we can procure at least two thousand peices yearly, and something cheaper than those that now come, which were the first Essay and consequently something dearer than Ordinary, there will be five hundred peices more for the next Ship, and we shall wait your further Orders concerning this Article.

We have not seen ye. Ft. St. David Goods that come by this Ship but shall view wt. they send us Marlbro.

21. We have not seen any of the goods that come from Fort St. David by this Ship, but your Deputy Govern[r]. and Councill assure us that they have been very carefull in keeping the Merchants to their Musters when the Remainder of the Bales come up hither after the Howland is dispatch'd, we shall be sure to view them and when your Hon[rs]. have seen the rest in England you will be best able to judge of their performance they ha[ve] very great Advantages in the Cotten manufactures beyond [what] we can pretend to here, so that it is their own faults if they take in goods worse than Muster, and therefore we give them as large a proportion of your Investments as they can undertake to do and at the same time we give our Merchants here as full Employment as the Country will afford.

We send 2 bales of fine Bettilaes by this Ship for a tryall if you approve them we can get about 10 Bales in a year.

22. We have presum'd to send by this Ship two small Bales each containing fifty peices of fine Betteelaes made at different Places for a Tryall, which we were encourag'd to do because we find them so much finer than the Oringall in proportion to your Severall prizes; if your Hon[rs]. Approve of them, we can procure six to ten Bales in a Year, and not more, they are particularly distinguishd in the Invoice.

Fourthly Touching the Trade of India in Generall and therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

Tis believd the Patna Prince will obtain ye. Empire.

23. We have very little to add to what we wrote your Hon[rs]. in our Last under this head; Our Suba is engag'd in a Contribution Warr at a great distance from us, so that we are at present very easy and quiet; the Patna Prince Farrackseer is said to have passd Agra after having defeated the King's Forces, the Suba in Bengall has coin'd mony in his Name and tis Generally believ'd he will obtain the Empire.

The Dutch Embassador is returning from Court, as we hear, with large Grants, but if Furrackseer overcomes the King, they will want confirmation.

24. The Dutch Embassador is upon his Return from Court to Surat, having, as it is reported obtain'd large Phirmaunds of the present King, we have no certain Acco[t]. of the particulars, but hope you will receive them by the Surat Shipping as there is no doubt but the Embassador will be arriv'd before they sail, but if Farrackseer should carry the Crown, 'tis believ'd what the Dutch have obtain'd will want a Confirmation, we hope the Gentlemen at Bombay will send your Hon[rs]. a particular List of the Dutch present, for we are humbly of Opinion

that ours ought to be near an equivalent whenever we set about that work, that is to say, if we expect to be upon an equall footing with them.

Our present ought to be near an equivalent to theirs.

25. We have no further Advices of Generall Aislabie's Proceedings before Surat River's mouth, but having recover'd good Part of the Effects out of Abdull Gafore's Ship that was wrack'd in this Road last October, we propose to detain what is and shall be sav'd, till we hear the issue of that Affair except what is due to the Undertakers of the Wreck, by their Agreement.

We shall keep wt. recovered out of Abdull Gafores Wreck till we hear how ye. Genll. has settled matters with him.

26. There is no further Alteration in the Trade of India since our last, worth detaining your Hon^{rs}. longer on this Subject.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS AND REPAIRS.

27. Our last by the Mary gave a full Acco^{t}. of the Condition our inner Fort is reduc'd to; and now M^{r}. Way being return'd from Surveying the Buildings at Fort S^{t}. David, his report thereof comes in the Packett N^{o}. 26, and is very well worth your Hon^{rs}. consideration; there has been such an apparent Neglect of Repairs for Many Years past, and what little was done in M^{r}. Roberts his Time, was so scandalously perform'd that thô great Sums of Mony have been squanderd away, all is tumbling down and not worthy repair, we shall be forc'd to do Something very speedily for the Security of your goods and the safety of your Servants and propose to begin with y^{e}. Godowns as the most necessary work of all in hopes that may be finish'd before the next rains, but we shall wait your further Orders before we take the main Business in hand, & whatever you think fitt to permitt, we will take care it shall be done with all possible frugality, not only to last our time but as long as any Buildings can stand in this country.

Mr. Ways report of ye. Fort St. David Buildings comes in ye. Packet, by wch. you will see they are past repair, we shall do no more than is necessary for ye. Security of yor. Goods & safety of yor. Servts. till we have yor. orders, wch. shall be carefully executed.

28. We send in the Packett a Draught of Fort St. David, with Two plans for the necessary Buildings, one of which is already fix'd in the Square of the Fort, and the other in a Draught apart, with the proper references, whereby your Hon^{rs}. will be able to judge of the Design, two of the Fort Bastions are yet unfinish'd as you may please to observe by y^{e}. Draughts, and it is highly necessary that they were compleated as well as the Wall at Cuddalore; we cannot think it convenient that the Hospitall should be within the ffort, w^{ch}. would be very offensive to those in health, and therefore propose that a convenient one be built at some Distance, on a wholsome Spot of ground with an Adjacent Lodging for the Doctor and his Mates, that they may be allways at hand to take care of the sick the whole is humbly Submitted to your better judgment, and shall be glad if you will please to send us a Plan from some abler hand in England for our Direction, in case you think fit that the work should be taken in hand, we can do very well with the Executive part, having M^{r}. Tho^{s}. Way a person well skilld in Building, Your Gunner of this Place, and him at Fort S^{t}. David, ingenious Men & tolerable good Engineers.

In ye. Packet come a Draught of Ft. St. David & plans of ye. Necessary Buildings which will show you our designs. The whole is submitted to you for wt. alterations You think fit to make.

29. M^{r}. Joseph Bullock and the persons that come home upon this Ship will have an opportunity of being eye Wittnesses to the Truth of what we write concerning Fort S^{t}. David, if yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. please to examine them upon that Subject.

Mr. Bullock &ca upon this Ship will be eye witnesses to wt. we write of Ft. St. David.

30. M^{r}. Way return'd so late from ffort S^{t}. David that he has had no more time than to compleat the Draughts now sent, w^{ch}. was so necessary a work that we would not take him off to finish those of our New Buildings here, which we promis'd to send in our Last.

Mr. Way has not had time to finish the Draughts of our new Buildings.

Sixthly Touching Factors & Writers, Officers and Soldiers & their Accounts.

Mr Bulkley laying down ye. Service, Mr. Cooke is taken into Councill.

31. Mr. Edward Bulkley having been for sometime very much indispos'd and finding himself in a decaying Condition, has desird to lay down your Service and retire from Business which is agreed to as soon as last months Pay masters Acco^{t}. is pasd, & we shall fill up the vacancy with Mr. Thomas Cooke who is the next in Degree, and has serv'd some time Receiver of your Customs, which Trust he has very well discharged.

We have reduc'd ye. Officers pay & shall direct the same to be done at subordinate Factorys.

32. We have reduc'd your Officers pay pursuant to your Directions and have order,d the same to be done at Fort S^{t}. David, we shall likewise send to Vizagapatam and doubt not but all will be done without Mutiny.

We humbly offer to yor. Honrs. yt. yor. Officers cannot well subsist under ye. usual Allowa. wch. has been ye. same ever since ye. Bgall. warr, & & ye New Officers offer their Oaths yt. they agreed on no certain rate.

33. We know it's our Duty to obey your Orders without too much Expostulation, but as we are also oblig'd to lay before Hon^{rs}. the Truth of all matters under our Care, we begg leave to assure, You that your Lieutenants Ensigns & Serjeants cannot well subsist upon Less than the usuall Allowance, provisions are often very dear, and tho' they are never so good Husbands it is as much as they can be able to do, to appear desently clad & avoid running in Debt, for they have not the priviledge of your Table as in Bengall, and no person diets people of any fashion in this place under ten Pag^{s}. ℔ mensem, your officers lately come out offer their Oaths that they were not entertain'd at any Sum Certain, but only upon the usuall terms, which have been the same here ever since the Bengall War and Lieut^{t}. Seaton had sixteen Pag^{s}. ℔ Month, all wh[ich] is humbly offerr'd to your Consideration.

Lieut. Wallace lays down ye Servce. to go for England.

34. Lieutenant Thomas Wallace at Fort St David, whom we entertain'd at Ensigns pay for reasons mention'd by the Dartmth. thinking himself hardly us'd that we do not encrease it, has petition'd us to lay down the Service and come for England, w^{ch}. we as readily Agreed to.

We are in no want of Covenanted Servts. & desire no more Writers may be sent.

35. The great and indeed unnecessary Number of your Covenanted Servants, together with the Scarcity and dearness of provisions all this last year, has in great Measure disappointed us from bringing your Stewards Acco^{ts}. so low as we propos'd, but we shall still continue our Endeavours; and we hope you will be pleasd to send no more Writers since there's not Employment for a great many of those we have; and indeed some of them will never be capable of doing You any Service either with their Heads or Pens, tho' no care nor Pains has nor shall be wanting to improve them.

Seventhly Touching your Accounts.

Having examind ye Genll. Books & Warehouse Accots. we send in the packet a report concerng. the differ. ence wth. the old joynt Stock Merchts. & Matthw. Empson's Warehouse Ballce.

36. We sent a full answer to your Accomptant's Letter by the Mary, and a Duplicate comes by this Packett No 3 & now we have with much Labour and pains revis'd and thoroughly examin'd the Generall Books and Warehouse Acco^{ts}. from the time of Mr. Matthew Empson's commencing Warehousekeepr. Anno 1706 in order to find out the difference between the old joynt Stock Merchants Colloway and Vincatte Chitty's their Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. as they state it and as it stands in the Gen^{ll}. Books, the whole affair is fully set forth in a report enter'd after our Consultation of the 2^{d}. ins^{t}. with Schedule of the said Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. annex'd thereto, which we humbly request may be carefully examin'd by your Accomptants or whom else you please to direct; and for the proof of great part of what is asserted in the said report, we send in the Packett Copys of the Warehouse keep^{rs}. Acco^{ts}. for the time that Matthew Empson was Warehouse keepr. whereby it will be easily seen in what manner [his] ballance became due, and that the erroneous method in which those Acco^{ts}. were kept by his wicked Conicoply, has so puzzled matters that it is impossible to fix the sum wanting, any otherwise, than upon that Conicoply and himself.

37. As for the Ballance now standing out in Matthew Empson's Name, which is Pag^{s}. Two thousand Eight hundred forty six, thirty five fanams and five Cash, the same Conicoply impudently acknowledges that it is due from him, for mony that he receiv'd and never paid in; we keep him under Close confinement, and shall proceed to sell his houses and all we can lay our hands on, what effects he has abroad that are yet come to our knowledge, are to the Amount of about Eighteen thousand pagodas, but one Ship with about three thousand pag^{s}. was wreck'd on Ceylon in Sep^{t}. last and nothing sav'd another founder'd in the Road here in Octob^{r}. last with about one thousand Pagodas; The remainder is in Manhila, and has been three Years in peoples hands of the same principles with himself, we have given powers to recover what we can, and shall know the issue when any Manhila Ship arrives this Season, this fellow livd with great Splendour, and at a Scandalous Expence during the time of M^{r}. Fraser's Government squandring away great Sums of this ill gotten mony, and was so far from being suspected to have abus'd his Trust, that never any person of his colour and cast in this country ever had half so much confidence repos'd in him; We shall use all means to recover what we can from him, and secure it till we have your Hon$^{r's}$ Judgement upon the forementioned report; as for M^{r} Empson's Estate, That in our Opinion ought to be allways liable for what Tonapa cannot pay, we are sorry to acquaint you that there are only a couple of indifferent houses out of which the poor widow and family at present Subsist.

As for Mr. Empson's Ballce. of Pags. 2846: 35: 5, the conicoply owns it to be due from him. Concerning ye said Conicoply & his Effects.

38. It will undoubtedly appear strange to your Hon^{rs}. that this matter of the Merchants Acc^{t}. and Empson's Ballance which was begun upon in Consultation of the 2^{d}. of August 1711, should not have been perfected before, for which we humbly offer the following reasons.

Reasons why we could not make this report sooner, tho' we began upon the Business so long ago.

39. In the said Consultation Colloway Chitty desir'd a liberty to examine all the Warehouse Cadjans, and to revise his own which was a work of a considerable time, and not perfectd before your Accomptant had his hands full in bringing up the Generall Book[s] that were so much behind hand when your President arriv'd.

Colloway Chitty took up a great deal of time in revising his own Accots.

40. When we had Liezure after the Ships were dispatch'd, Colloway Chitty produc'd a Cadjan Acco^{t}. how and in what manner he paid for the six Chests of Silver, which put us upon a thoro' review of all the warehousekeeper's Acco^{ts}. wherein we soon found that there could be no such Article of Silver unpaid for, and when we were employd in this Scrutiny the rogueries committed by Tonapa the conicoply under Mess^{rs}. Raworth and Martin began to come to light, and oblig'd us to leave hunting the smaller game in order to recover and get in the more considerable Articles, and do assure your Hon^{rs}. that all our spare hours have been employ'd in Scrutinys of this nature.

When we came to examine the Warehouse Accots. Tonapa's Rogueries appeard, wch. took us off from ye other Business.

41. We must further remark that the good Old Custom of the Warehousekeep^{rs}. giving Notes of his hand for all mony's paid in has been long discontinued, which has occasion'd us and your Hon^{rs}. all this Trouble, we would not be too Severe in our Censure, but 'tis hard to imagine that so commendable and safe a method for the person concern'd should have been left off for any honest reason; However we have reviv'd it, and shall now publish at the Sea Gate and elsewhere that no person do pay any Sum of mony without such a note, under pain of being liable to another payment if he should be calld upon and not produce his note; And this wth. other Regulations we have made, will we hope secure your Estates for the future, and save a great deal of Trouble to those that are to come after us.

We have revivd the old Custom of giving Notes for mony paid, that had been left off, & given publick Notice that no person pay mony wth.out a Note.

42. We shall go Stedily on, to keep up your Business in a safe and regular method, with a due reguard to all your Orders in hopes our Labours will be

We shall continue our Care & deligence in yor. Affairs.

Acceptable, And entitle us to the continuation of your favour. We heartily wish this and all the rest of your Ships a safe arrivall, and are with the greatest respect,

Fort S^{T}. George,
Feb^{RY}. the 4TH. 171$\frac{2}{3}$.

Hon^{ble}. S^{RS}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. & most hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
Edward Harrison.
Robert Raworth.
Thomas Frederick.
Henry Davenport.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.

To Cap^{T}. Samuell Lewis,
Comm^{DR}. Ship Howland.

1. Your Ship being compleatly loaden you are hereby Order'd to repair on Board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London, and whatever Port of great Britain you arrive first at, we order you to send away your Purser with our Packett deliver'd you in a Box markd A, directed to the Hon^{ble}. the Court of Directors for affairs of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the E^{t}. Indies, To whom your Ship goes consign'd.

2. We likewise deliver you a flying Packett Letter B, which you are to forward by Post or Express immediately upon your arrivall at any Port in Europe where conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to the Hon^{ble}. Directors with an account of what has happend material in your Voyage.

3. We also deliver you a Box mark'd Letter C, containing Books of Acco^{ts}. which you are to send by the first safe Conveyance after you get into the River of Thames.

4. The Hon^{ble}. Directors have complain'd that while their Ships have been detain'd in Ireland or Holland for Convoy, they have wanted our Advices, thô at the same time the Comm^{drs}. have had our positive Orders to forward a small Packett in the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obeyd, and strictly enjoyn you once more to send away the Packett Letter B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrivall.

5. You have already received from the Gov^{r}. a small Pacquett directed to yourself containing Secret orders for your homeward bound passage, which you are strictly to observe, and not to open them till you come into ten degrees South Latitude on this side the Cape, and then it must be done in the presence of your Mates and Purser, whose attestations you are to take in order to make Oath thereto if requir'd upon your Arrivall in England.

6. The Company's orders are that if any Ship should be so late dispatch'd hence, or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Ceylon & stay no longer there than the beginning of July; but if it so happens that they get up with the Cape or near it, their Orders then are, that they go to Mauritius to y^{e}. South E^{t}. Side, which is on the windward part of the Island, where the Dutch had a Settlement, taking great Care of your going in; 'Tis further ordered, that you do all possible to avoid going into the North West Harbour or Carpenters Bay, where 'tis likely the ffrench will look in; we are very credibly inform'd the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius, so that you must be very carefull how you make it, and be

allways on your Guard, and keep constant looking out to prevent being surpriz'd by any Enemy, securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there

7. The Company have sent out a standing order to S^{t}. Helena, to be incerted in all your instructions Viz^{t}. That whoever of you touch at S^{t}. Helena that you bring your Ship to Anchor before you come open with Chappell Valley near Mundens point if you do not meet with good anchor hold sooner, and then send your Boat on Shoar to give the Gov^{r}. intelligence who you are, for he is orderd to let no Ship pass that point and come into the Road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship should attempt to break this Order, the Gov^{r}. has the Company's positive Orders to fire on them.

8. We strictly enjoyn you from coming near any Ship at Sea, there being severall French Ships abroad and more dayly expected.

9. You must allways keep the severall Packetts herewith deliver'd you at hand, and in case you are in Danger of falling into the Enemys hands (which God forbid) you are to throw them over board with all private Letters in your Ship.

10. And whereas there are two ffrench Ships of great force gone away from Pontichery some time before you, which we are apprehensive may cruize to windward of S^{t}. Helena, we think it safest that you should remain at the Cape a reasonable time in hopes that one or more of our men of war may come up and carry you with safety to S^{t}. Helena.

11. We have put aboad your Ship pursuant to your Charterparty Covenants and the Hon^{ble}. Companys Orders sixteen and half Leagers of Arrack and eight Canasters of Sugar for the use of the Island S^{t}. Helena, which you are to deliver in good condition together with our Letter to the Deputy Govern^{r}. and Councill upon your Arrivall there, and if by Accident you should not touch at that Island you may make use of all or any part thereof for your Ships Company upon Occasion, for which you are to Acco^{t}. with our Hon^{ble}. Masters in England. We wish you a prosperous Voyage and date these in Fort St. George this fourteenth Day of Feb^{ry}. 17$\frac{1}{13}$.

EDWARD HARRISON.
ROBERT RAWORTH.
THOMAS FREDFRICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP HOWLAND CAP^{T}. SAMUELL LEWIS COMMANDER.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated 4th. Feb^{ry}. 171$\frac{2}{3}$.
2. Copy Ditto ℔ Mary, dated Jan^{ry}. 11th do.
3. Copy of y^{e}. Answer to the Accomptants Letter dated D^{o}. time
4. Invoice of Ship Howland Amo^{ts}. to [*Lacuna*] N^{o}. 4 & 5, to be put in at F^{t}. S^{t}. D^{d}.
5. Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
6. Copy of $\overline{y}^{e}$. Mary's invoice Amo^{ts}. to Pag^{s}. 191458 : 15 : 30.
7. Second Bill of loading of Ditto Ship.
8. Abstract of y^{e}. Sundry particulars that have been sent to & received from the Bay since the 1st. of May 1711.
9. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1714.
10. List of Stores wanting for the Garrison of Fort S^{t}. George etc.
11. Abstract of the Revenues.

12. Capt. Lewis's request for 1000 bags of Salt petre more yn. Charterparty.
13. Survey of Ship Howland.
14. List of Diamonds laden upon the Howland.
15. Copy Ditto ℔ Derby.
16. Copy Ditto ℔ Mary.
17. Storekeepers Accot. Remains.
18. Register of private goods laden upon Ship Howland.
19. Copy of a Letter from ye. Presidt. & Councill in Bengall ℔ Ships London Mary and Derby, dated Decembr. 10th. 1712.
20. Draughts of Fort St. George as proposed to be Alter'd.
21. Draughts of Fort St. David.
22. Mr. Martin's second Obligation to abide by the Honble. Court of Directrs.
23. Acct. package of Tea ℔ the Mary.
24. Presidents Packett for the Worshll. the Secret Committee.
25. Capt. Cornwall's Narrative of his being taken by the ffrench.
26. Mr. Way's Survey of the Fort St. David Buildings.
27. Invoice of Arrack And Sugar laden on ye. Howland for St. Helena.
28. Messrs. Frederick's & Benyon's report of ye. Warehouse ball: wth. ye. annexd Acct. Curt.
29. Accot. Remains in ye. Warehouse of Fort St. George.
30. Copy of Capt. Lewis his Dispatch.

List of Books Vizr.

Five Warehouse Books	...	Commencing September 1704 Concluding July 1711
Journall & Leidger of the Howlands Cargo from China.		
Consultations	...	Commencing primo Ootobr. 1712 Concluding Secundo Febry. 1712/3
Journall Parcells ...	...	Commencing primo May 1712 Concluding Ultimo Novemr. 1712
Letters recd. & sent ...	...	to the ultc. Janry. 1712/13

Letter from Fort Saint George to St. Helena, February 4, 1713 per Ship Howland. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, p. 132.*]

To the Worshll. the Governr. & Councill of St. Helena for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

Worshll. Sr. &ca.

℔ Ship Howland Capt. Samuell Lewis.

We have in Obedience to the Rt. Honble. Company's Orders put aboard this Ship Howland Sixteen and an half Leagers of Arrack and Eight Canasters of Sugar for your place amounting to Pags. Two hundred Ninety one, thirty four fans. and Sixteen Cash, as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Loading inclos'd which we wish may arrive you in good Condition, and that our Honble. Masters Affairs under your Direction may prove Successfull and are

Fort St. George
Febry. the 4th. 1712/3.

Worshll. Srs. &ca.
Your very humble Servants,
Edward Harrison.
Thomas Frederick.
Henry Davenport.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.

P.S.

We send you Two Bottles of ye. same Sort of Arrack Seal'd up with the Company's Seal for a Muster.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT DAVID TO THE COMPANY, FEBRUARY 13, 1713, PER HOWLAND. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, pp.* 133—138.]

To the Hon^ble^. the Court of Directors
for Affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. United
Company of Merchants of London
Trading to the East Indies.

Hon^ble^. S^rs^.

The last time we did Ourselves the Hon^r^. to write to you was by Cap^t^. Hurst on the Averilla, whose Invoice amounted to thirty two Thousand seven hundred and ninety Pagodas, the Duplicate of which with the Coppy of our Letter and second Bill of Loading, We forwarded to the Hon^ble^. Govern^r^. & Councill of Fort S^t^. George to be sent on the Dartm^th^. by which conveyance we suppose your Hon^rs^. will receive it, and therefore will not trouble you with them now, but proceed as briefly as possible to give You a suscinct Acco^t^. of what has happen'd relating to your Affairs in this place, which we hope will be sufficient, since we have from time to time wrote our Superiours very particularly of them, who from thence have to be sure enlargd on them themselves. &. Ship Howland Capt. Samuell Lewis.

We continued our dayly Skirmishes with the Enemy, w^th^.out any Extraordinary Loss on either Side till the 22^d^. Feb^ry^. when at five a Clock in the Morning they Attackd us in all Quarters and stood our fire, very resolutely both from the Cannon and small Arms till three a Clock in the Afternoon, before we could compell them to retire, which we were so fortunate at Last as to do; but they renewd their Attack again the next morning, upon which, finding it impossible for our men constantly to endure such violent fateagues, we were obligd to fling up another Mud Bullwork which we effected in Six days, during which time they endeavourd to drive the work men from it what possible, but without success, and thô we lost but one of our men in all the Engagem^t^. yet by the best Advices we could procure, the Enemy seldom retired without the destruction of about fifty of theirs, after this they made no more such bold Stroaks as these were upon y^r^. Bounds but contented themselves with Entring the unguarded passes in them with small Partys, when they seldom did us any more prejudice, than the driving away a few Cattle, which we had most commonly the good fortune to recover from them again by thê vigilance and courage of your Officers and Soldiers, who, thô they are not able to perform impossibilitys, underwent the hardships we never Expected they could endure, nor did any of them seem to murmur at what they sufferrd, except one of your Lieutenants, M^r^. Hercules Courtney, who because the Dep^ty^. Govern^r^. confin'd him to his Chamber, for Assaulting and wounding an Ensign upon his Post, grew so very impatient for his enlargement, that he prevaild w^th^. the Party he commanded consisting of an hundred & thirty Men the best we had in y^e^. Garrison, to subscribe to a Petition wherein they declar'd that unless he was immediately put at the head of them again, they should very unwillingly bear arms any longer in your Hon^r^s^. Service; on which we immediately sent the Penman of it, the Lieutenant abovementiond, with an Ensign and Serjeant his two Accomplices to Fort St. George, where the Hon^ble^. Gov^r^. & Councill so far approvd of what we had done, that they immediately dismist them their Employs; after which the rest of the Military remaind very quiet, and under very good Discipline, which, we should be very unjust to Lieutenant John Roach if we did not chiefly attribute to him, of whose merit we have often Spoke in our Correspondence with Fort St. George, to which we begg your Hon^rs^. to be referr'd, and will therefore say no more of him in this Lré than to assure your Hon^rs^. that when you think convenient to conferr such an Employ, on any of your military Officers he far before the rest deserves to be made y^r^. Adjutant Generall.

This is in breif an Acco^t^. of our Troubles till the 25^th^. March when M^r^. Bernard Benyon arrivd at Pontichery with pow^rs^. to Accommodate the differences between us, and the King of Chingee by the Mediation of S^r^. Andrew

Hebbert the Gov^{r}. there, which with a great deal of difficulty he effected by the 4th. June N.S. and in consideration of their Assigning over to your Hon^{rs}. the Mold of Trevendaporum which turns the Waters in your Bounds, the Ditch with ten foot of ground on Each Side of it, and our presenting them with twelve thousand Pag^{s}. they withdrew all their Forces, and we have since that enjoyd perfect tranquillity, for any Molestation we receivd from them within our Bounds and wherever our people have Occasion to go in Order to Negotiate your affairs, and thô the Country has been so long harrassd wth. Warr, yet we have hopes that the trade of it will Shortly flourish as much as usuall, for most of the towns and Villages which were either destroy'd or uninhabited before, are rebuilt & People[d] again, and they shew a very good inclination towards forwarding it what lyes in their Power, which we promise your Hon^{rs}. we will encourage them in as much as possible that your revenues may be encreased and some Amends made for the great Losses and Expences we have been at for the Maintainance of this Settlement, and we have further in Order to it been making Strict enquirys of what Effects Chivee Naigue Redde &^{ca}. Renters (whose flight was the Cause of all our misfortunes) have within your Bounds, but have not at present been able to discover more in houses and Debts than to the value of one thousand Pagodas, but are pretty well assurd that one Tonapa Chitte a substantiall inhabitant here, has above six thousand Pag^{s}. more in his keeping, w^{ch}. we shall use our utmost endeavours to prove upon him, and then oblige him to pay the Amount into your Hon^{rs}. Cash here; and that he may not make his escape, whilst we are prosecuting him, there is sufficient Security given for his appearance when it shall ever be requir'd by us.

Our Troubles being thus ended, by Permission from Madrass we immediately orderd the Collectors of your Sea & Land Customs to receive the usuall impositions on Grain, which by reason of the Scarcity of it, and for the encouragement of Merchants to bring it, whilst they continued, were taken off, and as soon as the Cowl which was granted to Eram Raw the Renter of your bounds by M^{r}. Roberts in the year 1707 was expir'd we renew'd it, but in Consideration that the Mold was demolished and must be repar'd, the Water courses stop'd up, and all other ingredients out of Order, We were forc'd to consent to an abatement of two thousand Chuckrums, but before us'd our utmost Endeavours to procure the Accustom[ary] Rent thô in vain, and then advised our Superiours the reasons why we were so unsuccessfull, who upon due Consideration on the Matter approv'd of our proceedings and we hope the next year, when this present Cowl is out of date, to make your Hon^{rs}. amends by procuring an Addition to the Late Rent to as great an Amount as what has been abated now; and that this Settlement may be as little burthensome to your Hon^{rs}. as possible. we have retrench'd the Numbers of our Peons and Servants as much as can be, and will if to be Effected still lessen the Expences of it, but we are very sorry to Acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that there is not either in the Fort or Cuddalore so much as one room for your Dep^{ty} Govern^{r}. or the Company's Servants fit to lodge in, neither is there any Apartments for your Soldiers, but the greatest inconveniency of all is that our Magazines are so entirely out of repair, that it is with great hazard our Ammunition is kept in them, of all which we have wrote at large to the Hon^{ble} Govern^{r} & Councill of Fort St. George, who to be sure have particularly recommended those Letters to your Hon^{rs}. perusall which is the Reason we don't enlarge more on this Subject.

The Deputy Govern^{r}. for reasons he will trouble your Hon^{rs}. with in a Letter from himself, desir'd permission in July to repair to Fort St George, which having obtain'd he left this Place the 7th of August and return'd to his Station again the same day in September, when he brought with him Instructions about making a new Contract, which was a work so necessary, that we immediately enter'd upon it, and in few days brought our Merchants (thô with a great deal of difficulty) to engage to procure the Quantitys of goods we wanted, time enuff to fill up what Ships it should be tho^{t}. convenient to be dispatch'd this Season, but our Superiours

believing we had taken to our Share, more fine goods than we ought, disapprov'd of our proceedings which oblig'd us to cancell all that we had done before, and try if it was not possible to bring our Merchants over to their terms, w^ch^, we at last effected, but could not possibly do it before the 24^ts^ Octob^r^. when it was so very late that we almost dispair'd of their performance, notwithstanding they went so very industriously to work that by the latter end of Decemb^r^. we had twelve hundred Bales in the Washers hands and by the middle of January a thousand of them made up, since which our Contract is compleated and we hope to be able to procure a considerable quantity of Course goods more which the gentlemen under whose directions we are, have permitted us to do ; and thô the Cloth last sent by the Averilla was not quite so good as we desir'd, which the war was the Cause of, yet we now hope our Merchants have made Amends for that fault, for we assure your Hon^rs^. in our Opinions, that thô it's not so well wash'd which is a fault our water here wont suffer us to remedy, yet it is both fine and Course when brown as good as any sent your Hon^rs^. from Fort St George.

Your Servants here both Civil and Military are all in very good health and Order, in which disposition we shall endeavour to preserve them, and it is with a great deal of Concern we acquaint your Hon^rs^. that none of them but one, who is a member of this Board has misbehav'd himself, M^r^. Philip Baker who ever since his being in these Parts, has been notoriously remarkable for disobedience to his Superiours, but more particularly now than ever for believeing the Deputy Gov^r^. to be under the frowns of his Super^r's^. he laid hold of the opportunity not only to asperse his Charecter in all Companys behind his back but being encouraged by his Long sufference of such treatment; he at last very grossly affronted him to his Face, which was that he thought the Duty to his Station oblig'd him not to bear, and for that reason only apply'd himself to Madrass for Justice which was given him, and he no[w] stands suspended the Service till your Hon^rs^. pleasure is further known, we are very far from designing the Ruin of an[y] one, and the Deputy Govern^r^. does as to himself very heartily forgive this Gentleman, but with submission we cannot upon this Occasion avoid desiring your Hon^rs^. to consider how capable any person may be of turning a well Govern'd Place into an Annarchy, if a Person of his Levelling Principles does not meet with some Singular Marks of your Hon^rs^. displeasure.

Enclosed We send your Hon^rs^. the list of covenanted, Serv^t[s]^. and the muster Roll of your Military here, with the Copy of our Account cash to the 31^st^ Ultimo and all other necessary Papers as ℔ List enclos'd with the Invoice and Bill of Loading for one thousand Eighty three Bales Amounting to Pag^s^ One hundred and four thousand Eight hundred Eighty five, Eleven fanams & Sixty Two Cash ; and Cap^t^. Lewis having th[is] morning by hoisting his Colours, and fireing a Gun signified he is [full] and ready to sail, we have given him his dispatch, and wishing him a Prosperous Voyage, With Success to all your Hon^rs^. other Affairs. We are

Hon^ble^. S^rs^.
Your most Obedient & Most
faithfull humble Serv^ts^.

ROBERT RAWORTH.
RICHARD FARMER.
JOHN BERIU.
RICHARD HARRISON.
MATTHEW WELD.

FORT S^T^ DAVID,
FEBRUARY THE 13^TH^ 17$\frac{1}{3}$

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 1713, PER LONDON. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, pp.* 139—192.]

To Y^R. HON^BLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^R. R^T. HON^BLE UNITED
COMPANY OF MERCH^TS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO Y^E. EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble. S^rs.

Ship London Capt. Wm. Upton Comm^dr.

No. 1. The last opportunity we had of writing your Hon^rs. was by the Howland under the 4^th. Feb^ry. which Ship was dispatchd from Fort St David the 14^th. of the same month with a Cargo amounting to Pag^s. One hundred four thousand, Eight hundred eighty five, Eleven fanams and Sixty two Cash, a Duplicate List of what Books & papers went by her comes in This pacquett N°. 7. We have since been favourd w^th. your's dated y^e. 2^d Feb^ry. 17$\frac{1}{3}$ by the King William with Duplicate & Triplicate by Ships Hanover and Frederick with y^e. accompanying Papers and Bengall Packetts exactly conformable to y^e. Severall Lists.

The Date of our last & the receipt of ye. Compas. Ship K^g. William, &ca.

We shall by this Conveya. write as fully as we can, in ye. order prescribd.

2. We propose by this accidentall Conveyance to go as far in answering the forementioned Letters as time and circumstances will permitt, and what is wanting shall be fully made up by our own Ships, we shall also add the most materiall passages that have occurr'd since the dispatch of the Howland, and endeavour to range them in exact order according to your directions, we will for the future allways date our Letter the day it is signd, and every paragr[aph] shall have it's true date expressd as your Hon^rs. are pleasd to direct, the Copys of all our Letters shall be made originals by singing them, and we are sorry to find your Hon^rs. displeasd at the writing Work by the first Ships we dispatchd, we hope and believe the next was better, & shall still endeavour to mend, but your President found many raw unexperiencd hands in the Office at his Arrivall; The Supplement shall as near as possible be rangd und^r. the Proper heads, but as we continue writing to the last we shall hardly be able to keep exactly in that Method.

We hope the writing work since, is better done than that complaind off.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

Relating to Capt. Upton's coming hither.

3. This comes by Ship London Cap^t. William Upton, that arrivd here the 7^th. of June fully laden from Bombay, for which deviation your Hon^rs. will find his Reasons in a paper enterd in Consultation the 13^th. of the same month, the Ships that visit us annually in this manner not being any way under our Directions, we can only offer them our Advice, & they can chuse whether they will follow it or not.

The Seperate Ship Windsor arrivd here the 12th. May, made a sale & departed for China ye. 10th. June.

4. On the 12^th. May arrivd the Seperate Ship Windsor from Great Britain, and on the 20^th. the Sup^r. Cargo produced his Licence in Consultation for tradeing in these parts; he sold here a parcell of Madera Wines & other goods mentiond in his Licence, and being disappointed in letting the Ship to freight, she sailed hence for China the 10^th. of June w^th. no more than the Produce of what she brought out to the best of our knowledge, intending to load at Amoy w^th. gruff China Ware & Tea for Great Britain.

The Seperate Joseph arrivd here the 8th. June & brot. news of sevll. of our Ships being well at the Cape, She is; designd for Bengall & Moco if they can get freight.

5. The Seperate Ship Joseph arrivd here the 8^th. of June having touchd at the Cape and bro^t. us the good news of our Ships Dartmouth, Derby, Mary, Toddington, Nathaniell & Stringer Gally, being safe at that place & ready to sail in Company with the Dutch; Cap^t. Mocher Comm^dr. of the Joseph dyed here the 23^rd. July; the Survivers design w^th. the Ship for Bengall & Moco if they can meet with any freight: we were in hopes to have seen no more of them in these parts, but they tell us they may stay abroad & trade till the 28^th. of Septem^r. 1714. This Ship also brought Madera wine, which sold at very low rates, & unless they find frieght to Employ the Ship their Voyage must be entirely ruin'd.

6. The King William Gally arrivd here the 19th. June, the Hanover on the 21st. and the Frederick on ye. 25th. July the two Latter touchd at the Cape, where they met wth. the Howland and receivd advices that the Heathcote and Mountague were gone for St. Helena some days before their Arrivall: the Loyall Bliss parted with the rest of your Outward bound Ships the 1st. of March in 44° North since when We have not heard of her; the Cardigan parted with the Hanover between Zeloan & this place & went on directly for Bengall; and thus having given your Hons. the good news of the Arrivall of your Shipping we shall proceed to answer that part of your Letter undr. this Head.

The arrivall of ye. Ks. William Hanover & Frederick, wth. News concerng. other Ships.

7. The Sherborne had undoubtedly been better employd to the West Coast, than to have layn so long useless and in danger of the French at Fort St. David, but we thought [it] more adviseable, when we knew the Thistleworth and Toddington were come out upon that Service, and the Jane was dayly expected here, to send the Sherborne down to Bengall in Company wth. so many good Ships, not supposing that the Gentlemen in the Bay who were so well acquainted with her would have put aboard so rich a Cargo, she went for the Bay early in Septembr. which was sooner than we could have expected the Jane to arrive if she had been safe, & if we had the least Notion of her intentions for Brazill, we should infallably have made use of ye. Sherborne for ye. West Coast Serviee.

What induced us to send the Sherborne to Bengall rather than the West Coast.

8. Thô there is no particular mention in the agreement for Cessation of Arms touching Acts of Hostility on this side the Line, the French are so far from pretending to meddle with any of our Ships, that they caress & entertain all they meet wth. in a very friendly manner.

The ffrench entertain our Ships as friends.

9. We have receivd no Directions from the Secret Committee this Season, but Capt. Winter of the King William telling ye. President, he had a packett which should have been left at the Cape (if he had touchd there) for the homeward bound Ships, he thought it his Duty to demand it of him.

The Presidt. demanded ye. Secret Committee's packet of Capt. Winter.

10. We observe your Hons. Reasons for sending out so little Tonnage and Stock this Year, in Comparison of what was usuall, most certainly we have Tonnage enuff upon our hands, considering the three Ships remaining of the last Season, but by our Advices from the Bay and particularly in their Letter of the 26th of June N°. 92 we have reason to fear they will not have stock to load above two of the biggest Ships at most, and if they make no better use of the rest than they did of the Recovery last Season, we cannot see which way the eating charge of Demorage will be sav'd.

with ye. small Stock sent out this year we believe ye. Bay will not be able to dispatch above 2 Ships.

11. We have pursuant to your Orders in the 16th paragr. enquird of your three Capts. severally, what were the reasons of their parting Company in their outward bound Passage to this place, the Substance of their answer is that having French passes they apprehended no danger and therefore were not so sollicitous for keeping Company to the prejudice of their Severall Owners.

The Capts. reasons for not keeping Company.

12. As it happens this year that we have no Salt petre in the Godowns, the Bay ships will be obligd to fill up here so that we have no occasion to send any Bales down for reparting the Cargo's and the risque of the voyage down and up & over the Braces will be sav'd: in our humble opinion as long as it is peace, it will allways be best for the Bengall Ships to fill up here, which we can easily regulate so as to cost you no extraordinary Demorage, but our Septembr Ship can never have any Bengall Bales on Board unless they have a dead Stock to provide them, and even then they must have a Conveyance up hither in ye. month of March after all your Shipping is dispatch'd for Europe.

The Bay Ships touching here ys. Season to fill up, ye. Cargos will be reparted wth. out risquing our Bales down, & it will be best for them always to do so in time of Peace: but our Septr. Ship cannot have any Bengall Goods.

We can have none of yor. Ships from ye. Malabar Coast this Season, & when they do come, we hear they have no mony to bring with them.

13. We observe your Hon^{rs}. intentions to order two Ships from the Malabar Coast this place or the Bay, wth each sixty thousand pound, the Litchfield will be dispatchd home in September, the Sommers cannot be back at Bombay from her present Voyage till Feb^{ry} and tho the Grantham may return from Batavia in November, neither of them can get about hither till Aprill and when they do come, we cannot learn that there is a Rupee to send with them, every body that comes from y^{t}. side assureing us that when the Litchfield is dispatch'd there will be little or no mony left.

We have paid the Surgeons of yor. Ships the head money for the Soldiers according to yor. orders.

14. In Complyance wth your orders in the 21st paragr^{h}: we now advise that we have paid to the Surgeons of the King William, Hanover & Frederick as follows.

Thomas Atkinson	Surgeon of y^{e}.	King William	44 men,	Pag^{s}.	48 : 32 :-
Daniel Sulivan	do.	of y^{e}. Hanover	51	do.	56 : 14 :-
Oliver Colt	do.	of y^{e}. Frederick	45	do.	50 :
				Pag^{s}.	155 : 10 :

by which your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe there has been little or no mortality, and we must add that never Men came ashore in better Condition the Surgeons Receipts come in y^{e}. Packett N^{od}. 9.

The Gentlemen concernd in former mismanagemts. now at this Board ask pardon, & yor. orders are now drawn into such form y^{t}. they may be easily perusd.

15. In answer to those paragr^{s}. under this head which contain your Hon^{rs}. just Displeasure at past mismanagm^{ts} the Gentlemen concernd now at this Board humbly ask Pardon, and promise to regulate their Conduct in all things for the future by your standing orders, which are now drawn into so compleat a form, that they may be perus'd with very little Trouble.

St Helena may be supplyd with Arrack & Sugar cheaper from ye. Bay than here: they have wrote for L. Cloth &ca wch. we shall send them.

16. We sent a Supply of Arrack, Sugar &ca to S^{t}. Helena by the Howland, and shall do y^{e}. same by all Ships that load here, but such as take in part of their Cargo at the Bay may be supplyd wth it much Cheaper than here, the Gov^{r}. & Councill of S^{t}. Helena have wrote us by way of the West Coast for long cloth and other things which we shall be sure to supply them wth this Season.

Concerning our Vessells & the method of keeping their Accots.

17. The Acco^{t}. of your vessels und^{r}. this Presidency was kept in so much confusion before your Presid^{t}. arriv'd that it was impossible to state the annual Charge, The Ship Presid^{t}. has been upon the West Coast Service ever since we sent her thither in Aprill 1712, so that we know nothing of her Expence, we wrote your Hon^{rs}. by the Mary that the Rising Sun was broke up in Ballasore so that the Maddapollam Yatch burthen about twenty five Tonns is the only Vessell now employd on this Coast, her Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. will stand very plain in the next Gen^{ll}. Books, however since it seems most conformable to your Order, we send it in the Packett N^{o}. 11, she is at present gone to lye up in Vizagapatam River, till the North East Monsoon will let her return hither loaden with Rice or Bales.

The Maddapollams Accot. Curr^{t}. comes in ye. Packet, she s in Viz^{a}. River.

List of Ships arrivall & Departure shall come by Every Ship.

18. We Thought it would have been sufficient to send the List of all Ships Arrivall and Departure, at & from this Port once a year, but since your Hon^{rs}. require it, we will not fail to send it by every Ship.

The Seperate Ships have not exceed d.

19. We have persuant to your Directions in y^{e}. 38th parā: taken particular Notice of the Seperate stock Ships Import this Season, and cannot find that they have any way exceeded their Licence, unless in laying out their mony

at Madiera, of which your Hon^{rs}. are best Judges none of your Servants Effects, shall come home upon them if we can help it, and all free Merchants are made ecquainted with the risque they will run of forfieting what Goods they load upon them at present and we do not find any among us inclind to be concernd.

their Licence, unless in Madeira.

Yor. orders concerning them are made known to yor. Inhabits.

20. We shall pay due regard to your Hon^{rs}. Orders in your 39th paragr: concerning licenc'd Goods, of which we have always been carefull to receive the full Custom, the Corall that is come out this year will not yield prime cost, there being a very large quantity arrivd at Pontichery besides what imported here by way of Persia.

We shall duely regard yor. Orders concerning licenc'd Goods.

Corall is not worth here prime Cost.

21. In our last we advisd your Hon^{rs}. that we had sent the Marlbro wth the Howland to Fort S^{t}. David, with our Reasons for so doing, she returnd hither the 25th Feb^{ry} with Two hundred eighty-four Bales, and on y^{e} 10th March we dispatchd her for Bengall wth Five hundred fifty three Thousand Rupees, and the Stores that came upon her from Europe, for that place, we likewise sent upon her about two hundred Candy of the Howland's Tutanague which we obligd ourselves to export for the Encouragement of the Buyers here, not doubting but such a quantity woud do well in Bengall, we are since advisd that she arrivd Ballasore the 19th March & got safe up the River; your President & Councill in the Bay have with much ado procurd Salt petre enuff att Hughly to kentilage her, and intend to send her hither wth half her loading as soon as the Season will permit, we have already wrote them, that we have Bales enough in y^{e} Godown to fill her up, Gov^{r}. Russell is pretty well recoverd and intends home upon her.

We dispatchd ye. Marlbro for Bengall ye. 10th March wth Rups. 553000, Europe Stores & 200 Candy Tutaneg. We since hear of her arrivall & that having got kintlage for her they her hither ½ loaden early in the Season.

22. On the 9th of March we were advisd by the Gov^{r}. & Counc^{ll} of Negapatam, that the Govern^{r}. of Ceylon had siez'd a Ship belonging to your Joynt Stock Merchants of this place for not having our pass as usuall, but upon our interceeding in a Letter dated the same day N^{o}. 22, they immediately released her; this Ship stole privately out of the Road without a Pass, but we have given publick Notice that we will interceed for no Ship hereafter, but such as take our passes and pay the Tonnage.

The Dutch having siezd a ship belongs to our Inhabits. not having our pass, we got her releasd, but have given pub. lick Notice that we will not meddle hereafter wth. any Ship that sails without our pass.

23. On the 2^{d}. of Aprill we receivd advices from Bengall, that the Kent & Recovery were dispatch'd thence the 14th Feb^{ry}. the former for Great Britain and the Latter for Persia, the Kent had not been at the Cape the 27th May, when the Hanover came from thence.

The Kent saild ye 14th Febry from Bengall wth ye. Recovery, but we do not hear of her from ye. Cape.

24. Letters from Bombay dated the 23^{d} Aprill advisd us that they had let out the Sommers to Persia, Bengall & Surat for twenty thousand Rupees, the Grantham for Batavia & back to Bombay for Nine thousand Rupees, and that they had dispatchd the Blenhiem to Mocho for Coffee.

We are advisd from Bombay that the Sommers & Grantham are let out to freight, & ye Blenhiem sent to Moco.

25. The French Ships of the last Season that took the Sherborne, very inhumanely turnd ashoar in Mergen, three Mates belonging to your Ships London and Mary, whom they took prisoners in the Russell Gally, sent out of Bengall to

Three mates of yor Ships London & Mary taken

by ye ffrench in ye Russell Galley & by them left at Mergen, were brot. hither by a Noquedah of this place, who have supplyd them wth 100 Rup in their Necessitys, we repaid him.

observe their motions; after suffering great hardships ye Poor men made shift to get over hither in May, and the Noquedah of the Ship that brought them having generously supplyd them wth an hundred Rupees to keep them from Starving we coud not refuse to reimburse him.

The Stretham arrivd here in compa. wth. ye. Dutch ye 24th June, her Cargo has been sold at Outcry & ye Voyage is making up She saild for Bengall ye 13th Augst.

26. On the 24th June your Ship Stretham arrivd here from Batavia, in Company with six sail of Dutch Ships bound to Bengall, and Capt. Gough being askd his Reasons for comeing round that way, deliverd us his Supr Cargo's dispatches from China, which are enterd after Consultation of ye 6th of July, her gruff Cargo has been sold at publick Outcry, and the accot. of the Voyage is now making up in order to pay ye Supra Cargos their proportion, but cou'd not be perfected in time to come by this Conveyance, the Stretham saild for Bengall the 13th of August, and we hope she will be dispatch'd soon after the Marlbro to fill up here.

We have advices that Capt. Ried did not perform his obligation wherefore we desire yor. Hons. to ye. Bond, the Capt. Ried seems inclinable to pay principll. with Respa.

27. In ours of the 27th Octobr 1712 by the John & Elizabeth we acquainted your Honrs. that we had prevaild with Capt. Ried in the Arabella to pass thro' the Strieghts of Malacca in his way to Batavia and lodge our Advices of the French Ships at Malacca, for wch. Service we had agreed to pay him Six hundred Pagodas and by Ship Mary we sent your Honrs. an Obligation which he gave us to forfiet 600 Pound in case he did not perform the Voyage. Your President has since receivd Letters from him at Batavia, wherein he pretends he did his Endeavours but cou'd not gain the Streights, which is impossible because two Country Ships Barrington and Chinnapatam that went hence Eight days after him, by standing to ye Eastward gain'd their passage to Bengall & consequently they coud have gone to the Streights of Malacca before the wind; the truth of the matter was Capt. Ried found he cou'd not do the thing in the time he expected and therefore bore away for Batavia, we humbly request your Honrs. to sue the Bond in ours as well as your own behalf, & by next Ship we shall be able to send an Accot. of what proportion will be due to the Trading Inhabitants of this place, who as we wrote you by the John & Elizabeth, were to pay their Share of the 600 Pags. advanc'd in proportion as their Stocks are to yours, by what Capt. Ried has wrote the President, he seems inclinable to compound ye Bond for Principall & ye. Respondentia rather than stand a Suit.

We hear from ye Wt. Coast that ye. Toddington & Success were dispatchd & that ye Abingdon was arrivd there.

28. By the Stretham and by a Small Sloop directly from Bencoolen we receivd advices from your Deputy Governr. & Councill dated 22d Octobr. 20th Novemr. 1712, the 27th Febry. & 13th May 1713 advising ye Dispatch of Ships Toddington and Success in time to joyn the Dutch Fleet & that the Abingdon arrivd there ye 18th of March, Capt. Lesley dying on ye 25th of Aprill after.

We paid Capt. Gough his Charterparty mony.

29. Capt. Harry Gough of the Stretham demanding his Charterparty mony in Consultation of the 6th July, we paid it him and his Receipt comes in the packett No. 10.

The Kg Wm saild for Bengall the 6th July wth Rups 801000

30. Your Ship King William Gally saild for Bengall the 16th of July wth three hundred one thousand Rupees, & the Remaindr of the Tutanague receivd by the Howland being about two hundred and twelve Candy, which we were encouragd to send by receiving advices that what went by the Marlbro, turn'd to

good Account, before her departure at the Request of Capt. Winter, we took from aboard his Ship one Joseph Horner a foremast man, who had been guilty of severall mutinous Expressions tending to Piracy, as your Honrs. may please to observe in our Consultation of ye 6th July, he remains in safe Custody and we intend to send him off ye Shoar by this Ship.

& 212 Candy Tutaneg. We took from on board her one Joseph horner accusd of mutinous behaviour and intend him home by this Ship.

31. Three French Ships arrivd Pontichery the 23d July, for Account of Monsr: Croisac & the new Compa: of St. Malo's they put ashoar fifty Chess of Corall, with wine, broadcloth & Treasure amounting by the best Advices we can get to One hundred & forty thousand Pags or thereabouts, & after having made a contract for Longcloth, Sallampores, Betteelæs & other goods of this Coast to amount of ye forementionn'd Sum, they proceeded to Bengall the 6th August to invest the remainder of their Stock which amounts to near three hundred thousand Dollars, the least of the three Ships is intended for Manhila when the Season serves, having brought a Cargo with her from France proper for that Place, three Dutch Ships of a Superiour Force, accidentally fell in with the French between Fort St. David & Pontichery, but neither side show'd any inclination to engage.

Three ffrench Ships arrivd Pontichery ye 23d July & having put ashore about 140,000 Pags in Goods & Treasure to be invested in ye Goods of this Coast proceeded for Bengall wth. ye remdr of their Stock being near 300,000 Dollrs. The best of these Ships is design'd for Manila.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

32. The Woollen Goods & Stores sent us by this years Shipping not being all examin'd we must deferr giving your Honrs: a particular Account of their Condition till the first Ship we dispatch from hence, and by that time we shall be able to form a List of Demands for the next Shipping with much more exactness than we can pretend to do, now we have such large quantitys upon our hands.

We cannot give at particular Accot. of ye Woollen manufactures till our next.

33. However we must not omit to acquaint your Honrs: in the meantime, that notwithstanding all our Endeavours to get rid of what came abroad last Year, we had three hundred forty-three bales of Reds upon our hands, when this years Shipping arrivd, and our Merchants had one hundred Bales of all Sorts remaining in their Godowns; this has been chiefly occasiond by the Surprizing Revolutions of Government, which will be related at large under the proper head, and could not be foreseen when we made our demand in the year 1711: The whole quantity now on our hands is Eleven hundrd: & five bales and we will take the best methods we can think of to put them off to the best advantage, before they suffer any damage in lying by: all the art of man cannot prevent the worm breeding in the Cloth if it lyes any long time in the best Godowns, and especially in the green Colours, which never fail to breed the worm if they lye by a twelve month.

We must acquaint yor Honrs that we had 343 bales reds by us when this Shipping arrivd & our Merchts. 100 bales unsold, we have now in all 1105, wch, we shall dispose of as well & soon as we can, that it may not be damaged by yr. worm.

34. We are advisd both from Persia and Bombay that yor: Estate is like to suffer very considerably by the very large quantitys of Woollen Goods lying perishing upon their hands, the Troubles at Ispahan are pleaded as an excuse by the Gentlemen in Persia, but if we are rightly inform'd as to the great quantity remaining at Bombay it is because they will not lower the price on any Account, being of opinion they had better let the Goods decay than set so ill a Precedent; this does not seem to be your Honrs: Opinion in the 37th para: of your Letter

Great quantitys of woollen Manufactures lye perishing at Bombay & Persia, ye Gentn being of Opinion rather to let ye Goods

decay yn lower ye price, but by the 37th Paragr. of yors by the Dartmth you seem more desirous of large sales than great Gains, by wch. we shall byass ourselves.

by the Dartmouth, where you are pleasd to tell us you are more desirous of a large annual Sale than of a great profit; we will not lower the price of ours, if we can help it, but we shall never be of Opinion to keep a perishable Commodity by us, when we can dispose of it to any tolerable advantage.

We have begun & shall continue to draw our Lists of demands more exact for ye, future.

35. In answer to the 42d: 43d: 44th: 45th: & 46th Paragraphs of your Honrs: Letter the Severall Articles of our demands were wrote at length in words last Season, and we shall carefully continue that method for the future both in Originalls and Duplicates, the mistake in the List by the Hallifax was by trusting him that copyd it, which shall be so no more; by fine reds we meant Scarlets, Aroras & Crimsons, which are best lik'd wth: white Lists, the Distinctions as to Colours shall be made hereafter according to your Directions.

If the Complts. of our Merchts. &c., concerng. ye dye had been partict. we should have expressd them so. We had last year occasion to make some partict. remarks.

36. If the complaint of the dyes made by our Merchants had been particular, we should not have failed to distinguish which bales were complain'd of, but as it was generall, and after the Goods had been some time out of our hands, we thought it might be sufficient to note the Complaint only, in hopes the Dye might be mended hereafter, but last year we had occasion to make some particular Distinctions, as there was a very great Difference in Cloth of the same price.

Opening ye bales & exposing the Cloth to ye Air here helps to bread the worm. Cloth does not mildew if well cured & dried before pack'd except ye dark Colours wch. rarely escape.

37. Your Honrs: packers no doubt are very skillfull men in their own Climate, but 'tis probable they may not know that if we once open a Bale of Cloth here and let the Air come to it, breads the worm in half the time 'twill do when kept in the Close Europe Package, none of the Cloth ever mildews if well cur'd & dried in England, except dark Cloth Colours, and they hardly ever escape being both mildewd & spotted in such a manner, that neither the Sun nor brush will fetch it out.

Popinjahs or something like them are ye only greens that sell. Mazarines, Skies, Blacks and Medleys are usd only in European habits. We shall be more large upon colours in our next.

38. Your 47th Paragr: touching Colours shall be fully answer'd by our next List of Demands to avoid swelling of Letters, in the mean time it may be made use of as a Generall Rule, that no greens will sell but Popinjahs, or such colours as border upon them, the names of which we are not versd enuff in colours to distinguish, and as for the deep greens we only use a very few pieces in a year to cover Tables and writing desks the Mazarines, Skys Blacks and Medleys, never sell but by the yard for clothing to Europeans & mistezes, and the Embossd cloth seems to be less in Demand than formerly; but we shall be able to write more certainly of these matters by the next Ship.

Since yor Ft. St. Dd. Merchts. have been easd of ye.

39. We wrote your Honrs: by the Dartmouth, the inconveniences we were like to have lain under by contracting with our Merchants at Fort St. David for the whole quantity of Broad Cloth, Anno 1711, and the means we us'd to extricate them out of the Difficultys they were engag'd in for want of mony; their

Investments have gone on much better since with ready mony, and the price of your Broadcloth has been hitherto kept up, which could not have been under their management: That your Merchants get by the broadcloth is not to be doubted, but the risque of sending great part of it many Leagues into the Country, and bad debts considerd, their profit is no more than what they can barely live by, and that we dare believe your Hon^{rs}. will never think unreasonable.

burthen of Brd cloth, yor. Investmts. have gone on better wth. ready mony, & ye. price of ye. Brd. Cloth is kept up. The risque yor. Merchts. run in sending ye. Cloth up into ye. Country makes their gain but reasona.

40. The great scarcity of Silver in Persia occasiond the Armenians to bring near one hundred Bales of your Broad Cloth this way, in the Shipping of last Season in returns of their Cargo's, it was not in our power to hinder this going down to the Bay, nor much about the same quantity that came round from Surat, and was sold by Rustum your Broker for 25 ℔C^{t}. less than it cost him in Contract, we don't yet hear that these Supernumerary Bales have affected the price in Bengall, and indeed it would be strange if so rich and Spacious a Country as that is, with a Cheap conveyance by water to the Northern parts should not be able to vend three times the Quantity of what goes off here in this sultry Climate, especially considering that it is in the same use thro: out all the Mogull's Dominions; but so long as the person called your Broker is generally speaking both buyer & Seller of all that is either imported or Exported to & from that noble Port of Bengall, by our Nation, as your Hon^{rs}. may be well inform'd by all Persons coming from thence, that Article of your Manufacture will never be enlarged to it's full extent, nor can the extravag^{t}: prices of Bengall Goods be reduc'd at Calcutta, thô they shou'd be never so cheap at y^{e}. Arrungs.

The Scarcity of Silver in Persia occasiond ye. Armenians to bring [1]00 bales brod. Cloth thence, there came also ye. same q^{t}. from Surat wch. we coud not hinder going, down to Bengall, where Rus[tum] ye. Broker sold it for 25 ℔ C^{t}. less than it cost him.

Concerning ye. Extravagt. power of the Broker in Bengall, and the inconveniences that derive from his having so entirely the managemt. of matters.

41. Nothing could more sensibly afflict us, than to have the exactness of the Gentlemen in Bengall, set us for a Pattern in your 50th. Para: however it is our Duty to imitate it according to your Orders, and if in any other Articles we are so happy as to have the same advantage over them we cannot doubt of the same justice; we can offer nothing in excuse for what is past, but that their List is drawn by the Brokers Directions, and ours wth. the approvall of your Joynt Stock Merchants, except only the Medleys & imbossd Cloth; if they had demanded more Colous, we shou'd have been more exact; but we beg leave to remark that in the Bengall List they have been so over nice as to send Patterns for what they do not demand, as well as for what they do.

The Bengall List of demands being offerd to us as a pattern, the reasons why ours has not been so exact as theirs.

42. According to our Establishd Rule, we have made an outcry this year of Medleys and other cloths remaining upon our hands, such as did not interfere wth. our Joynt Stock Merchants Contract, the Acco^{t}. of Outcry comes in the Packett N°: 23, & considering that most of the Medle[ys] were mildew'd & spotted, the sale was much more advantageous than we could have expected.

We this year made an Outcry of our Remains, ye. Accot. comes in the pocket & is better than we expected

There have been such large importations of Corall that it will not fetch Cost & Carges.

43. Althô the Jews had not applyd to your Hon[rs]. for liber[ty] to export Corall, when the 55[th]. Para: of your Letter was wrote, the quantity they got leave to send afterwards has so glutted the Markett that they will never see prime Cost and Charges; fifty Chests are this year imported at Pontichery & larger quantitys than ever come tumbling in upon us from Persia & Surat; as for what remains unanswerd under this head we must beg your Patience till our next for the Reasons containd in our 32[d]. parag[r]:

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

We shall observe yor. orders in our next contract, but before they arrivd we having contracted for 1,200 bales & there being [ne]ar 1,000 more upon an old Ft. St. Dd. contract, we shall be obligd to send home those Goods you forbid relating to our dispute wth Ft. St. David upon their taking too many fine Goods.

44. We will be very carefull in our next contract to keep to the orders we have receivd by this years Shipping, but as we made our Agrement soon after the Howlands dispatch for twelve hundred Bales according to the last years List (much the greatest part of which are now in our Gdowns and the rest all in hand) we shall be obligd to send home of those Sorts which you now forbid, and so it will happen in the Fort St. David Goods, for we shall have near a Thousand Bales of their Contract made in September last year, which should hâ been in proportion to last years List; but we acquainted your Hon[rs]. by the Dartmouth with the Liberty they had taken to exceed it in fine goods and we hope you have been pleas'd to peruse the letters that passed upon that Occasion, because we therein gave the same Reasons for not consenting to encrease the fine Goods, as your Hon[rs]. now do for not sending any more of their Bettelaes, not but that at the same time, we tho[t]: Your Orders & Ours sufficient to have exacted their Obedience without further Explanation.

We had made provision for the early dispatch of yor. Ships by contracting for 1,200 bales here [&] 1,000 at Ft. St[r]. David upon last years List, to be brot. in in 8ber.

45. We had so good a Notion of what your Hon[rs]: recommend in your 63[d]. paragr: namely an early provision for the Dispatch of your Ships and saving Demorage that after We had obligd our Merchants to bring in twelve hundred Bales by the 1[st]. of Octob[r]: we venturd upon a new Contract at Fort St. David for one thousand more acccording to the last years List, the Councill advising us in March that all the Remainder of their last years Contract was then in the Bounds, thô we since find it was not so; this we thought a noble provision for the month of Octob[r]: & had we been supplyd w[th]. petre from the Bay, two Ships woud infallably have left this Place fully laden in that month, thô ffort S[t]. David has grieviously disappointed us.

Ship Marlbro bringing us [284] bales from Ft. St. Dd. we [viewd] them according to order & found ye. Lg. Cloth & Sallampores so ill cured that we have b en obligd to new wash 500 ps.

46. Your Ship Marlbrô returning from Fort St. David after the Howland was dispatch'd brought us two hundred Eighty-four Bales, which we opend & viewd according to your Directions & if what they sent home by y[e]. Howland comes out no better, we are sorry to say you will have greater cause to complain than ever; all the Longcloth and Sallampores in Generall were so ill washd and cur'd, that we have been forc'd to put you to the charge of new washing about five hundred Pieces Which has been a great hindrance to our Business; and It was as much as we cou'd do to cure it tolerably well at last, without boiling the Cloth to pieces, the brown being fix'd among the white in streaks like a Chay.

We likewise found the Cloth to have many holes & Darns in it some in the

47. This was not all, for upon opening the Cloth we found many pieces that had large Rents darnd up, severall others with holes as big as ones hand, and some of these in the outside & Second folds, which we cannot attribute to any thing, but inexcusable negligence in all the persons concern'd which are, the

Merchants themselves, those that measure the Cloth out to be wash'd, the Washers & the peons that look after them, the Beaters and last of all the Sorters, who if they had done their Duty, could not have failed to have made some discovery, since we found it out here upon openiug the first two or three Bales as will appear in our Consultation of the 12th March held in the Cloth Godown.

outmost Folds, wch. cond not have happd. but thro' inexcus[a]. Negligence of all the persons concernd

48. We were not wanting immediately to represent such gross mismanagement, in it's true Colours, and severall Letters passed between us as your Hon[rs]. may please to observe in our book of Letters sent N°. 27, 29, 34, 35, 41, 45, 48, & 53, and in the other of Letters receiv'd N°. 47, 52, 62, 66, 69, 73, & 89, the Contents of which are too tedious to be incerted here, and therefore we beg they may have a particular Examination, this Business having laid a foundation for a great deal of unnecessary Trouble, that is not yet at an End; we might have expected that the Gentlemen concerned would have acknowledgd their Errors and promisd better performance for the future, instead of which you will find them insisting & justifying themselves against all Sence and Reason in very unbecoming Language, and sometimes contradicting in one Letter, what they wrote but the very Letter before.

Severall Letters relating to this affair referrd to, whereof in those Gentn. instead of acknowledging their Error endeavour to justifye themselves in a very un-becoming manner.

49. First they lay the fault intirely upon their Merchants, and say, they ought to forfiet all the bad cloth and bring in as much more good, or be hang'd; in another Letter they excuse the Merchants, by affirming that the cloth was damag'd by being crowded into the washers hands during the violent Rains, and add that if we shou'd be too severe upon the Merchants they will be ruin'd & consequently not able to carry on your Affairs, we hope in a Little time to unravell this mistery of their so sudden Change in Opinion, and as for the assertion, that the Damage happen'd by lying in the washers hands during the Rains, it cannot hold, because all the Cloth they had in their hands during the rains, which hapend in Octo[r]. and Novem[r]. went home upon the Howland, what came up here was washd in January & February, two of the fairest months in y[e] Year, and y[r]. Hon[rs]. will find in their Letter of the 10th of Aprill they are forcd to confess that they discovered by a Sudden Suprize five hundred pieces then in their washers hands of the same torn cloth full of holes and this discovery was made in the fairest Season of the Year.

They first accuse the Merchts. as guilty of this knavery, the[y] excuse them again & lay the fault on the washers, the reasons of wch. change we cant yet unravell, but the blame cannot lye upon the latter.

50. Upon the whole, we have been so trifled with in this Affair, that we found ourselves obligd intirely to lay aside the Opinions of your Fort S[t]. David Councill and follow our own Judgments backd by the Experience of your Joynt Stock Merchants here that have servd you in a better manner so many years, we agree that this Damage has hapen'd chiefly by the hurry & carelessness of the washers, and the negligence or knavery of those employed to look after them, for the rest of the Cloth being sound, the holes must have been beat in it by wrong management, in which we are further convinc'd because when we opend it, great quantities of sand were found in the folds pressd into the very threads by the Screws, w[ch]. could not have been had the washers done their Duty.

We have been so trifled wth. in this Affair, that we were obligd to follow our own & [y[r].] Merchts. Judgments, and [agree] that y[e]. damage must happen by over hurrying y[e]. Washers &ca.

51. Notwithstanding what we have said of the washers the Merchants are no way to be excusd, because they cou'd not be ignorant of what had happen'd, & ought to have informd the Deputy Gov[r]. wherefore we have obligd them to take back the Damagd Cloth, and give us good in the room of it, the quantity is about three thousand pieces, and as for the washers they are a wretch'd poor tribe of People that only subsist from hand to mouth uncapable of making any Reparation.

But y[e]. Merchts. are not to be excusd & therefore we have obligd them to take back y[e]. bad [cloth] & give us good in y[e]. room.

52. We have been the longer upon this Subject, to justifie ourselves for the time that has been unnecessarily thrown away upon this unhappy dispute that might as well have been ended at first, if your Servants at Fort S[t]. David, had dealt ingenuously with us, but you will perceive by the Dates of their Letters, how

We have said thus much to show how so much time has been lost by

wch. no progress is made in the new Investment.

long ours upon this Subject have lain unanswerd & how unsatisfactorily they were answerd at last by which means no progress is yet made in the new Investment, nor could y^e^. old one be wound up, till this Article of the Damage was adjusted.

There have been groundless complaints for want of mony, wch. our Cash book will disprove.

There is yet time to do something at Ft. St. David, but we are considering whether to drop that contract or burthen you with goods you forbid.

53. Some groundless complaints will appear in the Fort S^t^. David Letters that we have not sufficiently supplyd them with mony to make their Merchants easy; we had indeed a pretty hard task to carry on both our Investments, before the Stretham arrivd, however our Acco^t^. of Cash, will show what large Sums, we remitted them till this discovery of the Damage was made & some afterwards, but we could by no means think it advisea[ble] to pay the Ballance of their Acco^t^. till we had adjusted y^e^. Damage; as it happens that we must fill up the Beng^ll^. Ships this year instead of loading any from hence, there is yet time enuff for some thing considerable to be done at Fort S^t^. David, but we have it at present under consideration, whether we had not better let that Contract drop, than burthen you w^th^. sixteen hundred sixty five pieces of Betteelaes not fit for your Markett.

We sent mony early to Viza. this Season & they have contracted for 32,000 Pags. we should always be early wth. Goods here if we had a dead Stock.

54. Upon the Representation made by your Chief & Councill of Vizagapatam, mentiond in your 64^th^ para: we do now yearly send them mony in Feb^ry^. or March (which is the soonest the Season will permitt) to begin their Investment; we shall always be very forward in our Investment here, if we have mony left of the Year before, which is not likely to be our case unless you will permitt us to have always a dead Stock of one hundred thousand Pagodas: And this year they wrote us under y^e^. 15^th^ Aprill, that they had contracted for Longcloth & Sallampores to y^e^. Amount of thirty-two thousand Pagodas, twenty thousand at Ingerum and the rest at Vizagapatam one half to be delivered by September the other by Christmas & the mony went down in good time to forward y^e^. Business.

What sent last year and wt. we shall send this we dare say will be found better than wt. went ℔ Bouverie & Hallifax.

55. If the Sortments by the Bouverie & Hallifax were tolerably good, we flatter ourselves that what we sent You last year & what we shall now send, will upon an impartiall examination be found much better & intitle us to the continuance of your favour.

Complaints of ye. Goods when Mr. Martin was Warehsekr he ought to answer and is gone home.

56. By the Acco^t^. of the Fort S^t^. David Goods mentiond in your 66^th^ Parag^r^: 'tis very likely they must have come up hither in the same condition, w^th^. what we have before mention'd, M^r^. Martin then Warehousekeep^r^. ought to be able to give your Hon^rs^. the best Acco^t^. of that matter, but as he is gone home we hope he will give you satisfactory Reasons, why the goods were not better cur'd here, and how the oringall Bettelaes were damag'd, 'Tis our duty to prevent the Like hereafter & we beg you to believe it shall be done effectually.

The Betteelaes Capt. Hurst carryd were Madrapaucks of wch. now we know yor. Minds shall send you some yearly, but must advance mony to provide them

57. With Submission the Betteelaes which Cap^t^. Hurst carryed home were not Oringalls but Madrapaucks, which have a quite different thread from the Oringalls and cost Eighty six Pagodas ℔ Corge, we sent your Hon^rs^. some of the same last year that were cheaper bought for a tryall, but had we ventur'd upon a quantity without and Orders and they had not hapen'd to turn to Acco^t^. we should have been justly to blame: this is no new manifacture, many Bales have gone home at times in private Trade, & as we wrote your Hon^rs^. by the Howland, when we have your Orders, we can procure ten Bales in a year, the Betteelaes of three covids wide mentiond in your 69^th^ paragraph are likewise Madrapucks & of the Dutch Sortment made for the use of Paliacat; now we know your minds we can as easily procure them as They, and shall not fail to send some for a tryall this Season, if well performd they will cost from a hundred to a hundred & ten Pag^s^. ℔ Corge, which if your buyers are not mistaken must render a very profitable Account, mony must be given out many months beforehand to provide these Goods, which makes it very hazardous, and sometim[e]we are disappointed by the Goods coming in too late for our Shipping.

58. In answer to your 70th. Paragr: we have not been wanting to lay before the Gentlemen att Fort St. David the badness of their Sortments as our letters will fully make appear and particularly under date of the 20th March your Honrs. may please to take notice, how much we said to them concerning their Oringall Betteelaes, wch. have cost you for severall years considerably dearer than those of this place, tho' far inferiour to them in Goodness, they are of a Woolley spungy thread & not worthy the name of an Oringall, we are sorry to say, that what we have so often wrote them upon this subject has had little or no effect, you will find by their answers what sort of a Spirit is at the head of your affairs at that place and what submissive Gentlemen those are under him, [to]sign implicitly to whatever he indites, we have now sent them a Copy of your 70th Para: which ought to convince them that our reprimands, have been just, and if we don't find a speedy amendment, we shall think ourselves obligd to use rougher measures to make them sensible we are in earnest.

In answer to wt. yor. Honrs. write have not faild to let the Gentn. at Ft. St. Dd. know their faults, and upon perusall of our Letters you will see ye. Effect it had if we do not find amendment we shall use rougher measures.

59. We dare venture to say (tho' we did dot see the Avarilla's Cargo) that you will find the assurances in the Fort St. David Letter by that Ship, to be as ill grounded as the rest of their Assertions, and particularly that wonderfull one in their letter by the Howland, where they have the confidence to assure your Honrs. that tho' their Cloth is not so well washd, which is a fault their water won't suffer them to remedy, yet it is both fine and course when brown as good as any sent you from Fort St. George: we do assure your Honrs. not seen o[ne] piece that went from hence these two years, and we have seen the same that went by the Avarilla & by the Howland, of which you have our Opinion, and will find it rather worse than we have describd it, but the most unaccountable Article of all is laying the fault upon their water, which is allowd by every body that know it to be far exceeding ours; and we have found upon opening their goods here, some pieces incomparably well washd, and others very badly performd in the same Bale; which is a convincing Argument that the faults cannot lye in the Water; we did not see this Letter till the Howland was sail'd otherwise should have been obligd to protest against the foregoing Article as well as sevll. others altogether as erroneous.

We dare say the Assertions in the Ft. St. David Letters ℔ Avarilla and Howland concerning their Goods are groundless and the fault charged upon their water is known to be false. If we had seen the Howland's Letter before it went we shoud have protested agast. it.

60. In answer to your 71st Paragr: concerning Contracts the Complaints of the Fort St. David Merchants that ours are indulg'd in fine goods are set aside by this years orders for Investments where in their Betteelaes are forbidden, as to our Contracts here, due care has been taken ever since your Presidents arrivall to keep the Merchts. to the just proportion of every Specie, which is done by keeping a waste Liedger, in which each Specie has it's head debted for the Contract and credited as the goods come in, the same Orders we have given to Fort St. David, however it may happen that the Sortment cannot come exact by every shipping, because some goods come in faster than others & we are glad to fill up without Loss of time, as for the Merchants signing their Contracts they would readily do it, for the Sortment, but not for the quantity unless we advance them mony, they will only engage to provide as near what we demand as possible by a limited time, which agreement being minuted in Consultation with their assent is every whit as binding as the most solemn Contract, & you must either have a very weak Government here or worse if they pretend they cannot oblige them to a Complyance allowing for the casualties of Government &ca. this has been our method in the last Contract we made, which in all likelyhood will be fullill'd by the time agreed on.

Yor. Orders have set aside ye. complaints of ye. Ft. St. David Merchts. concerng. fine Goods. [A]nd in order to keep ye. just proportion of each specie [w]e have orderd both here & [at] Ft. St. David that a wnste [Lied]ger be kept. We can keep ye. Merchts. to their [a]greemt. by minuting in Consults. wth. their Consent as well [as] by making them sign a Contract.

61. Your 73d. Para has in great measure been answerd by our former Letters & especially in that by the Howland under the head of Accots. your joynt Stock Merchants Accots. is constantly adjusted every month by the Warehousekeepr. as

The Merchts. Accot. of Goods [rec]d & deliverd is

settled mothly. & ye. Wareh'sekr. & by him the Accomptt. yearly, wch. the Merchts. signe to in a book [kept] for that purpose.

to Goods receivd & deliverd, & by the Accomptant and Warehousekeeper upon the ballancing our generall Books, a particular Acco$^{t.}$ Current Book is kept by the Accomptant for the Merchants, which is likewise Ballanced at the same time w$^{th.}$ your Books, and their hands set to the Ballance, which is a method they are extreamly well satisfyed with, and if duely kept up no such Trouble as we have mett with can happen hereafter, it cannot be denied but that good management, woud either have savd your Hon$^{rs.}$ the Article of Interest you mention, or have reimburs'd you from those that unlawfully detaind your mony in their hands; we are in great Expectation of your Orders by the next Shipping, whether or no you will have interest chargd upon the large ballance of the Warehouse recoverd since your Presid$^{ts.}$ arrivall.

[ye.] trust reposd in [Conicps] we have answerd in [prev] letters.

62. Your 74$^{th.}$ Parag$^{r.}$ relating to your Warehousekeep$^{rs.}$ and their Conicoplies is fully answerd in our former Lett$^{rs.}$ whereby it will appear your Hon$^{rs.}$ have not been misinform'd as to the trust reposd in Conicoplys, we can only assure You that practise is entirely abolishd, and shall never be reviv'd in our time.

[We will] make a contract in best terms possible. [they] have contracted at Pontichery, but [will be] be disappointed of [the] quantity.

63. We shall not have occasion to make any new Contract till Octo$^{br.}$ and then our utmost Endeavours shall be exerted to procure as good terms as possible; Cotton is very dear as your Hon$^{rs.}$ may be informd by such as come from hence and the ffrench have already contracted for an hundred and forty thousand pagodas at Pontichery, besides M$^{r.}$ Du'Livier is daily expected w$^{th.}$ another Ship & as large a Stock for a further investment, we are very sure they will be disappointed in their quantity of goods that cannot be ready in time for the Ships to save their passage home; however they have given a price far exceeding ours, and we must be very vigilant to prevent our Cloth being diverted into that Channell.

[comp]laints of wt. sent us [to ye] Bay are misconstrued.

64. We have often complaind to the Bay of the ill packing Stuff they send us, as well as of other Stores, which has been resented as if we acted by a Spirit of Contention, when we are only studying to discharge our Duty in Obedience to your Orders; when your Hon$^{rs.}$ are better servd from thence directly, we may expect to be better supplyd here.

Moorees of 36 & 40 Pags. the Corge the best cloth for paint.

65. Three Pagodas seems to be a very great price for a piece of Sallampores, considering the Sortments Your Hon$^{rs.}$ allways dealt in, but we can make them to be really double that price, and it is very common at Metchle[p$^{m.}$] and Maddapollam to give twelve and fourteen Pagod[as] a piece for long cloth, however we are of Opinion th[at] no Cloth is better for painting than fine Moorees of [the] Six to forty Pagodas a Corge, which take the Chay comparably well.

66. Your Orders in the 83$^{d.}$ parag$^{r.}$ are communicat[ed] to those that sort your Goods and will be complyd w$^{th.}$

We cannot invest at Vi . wthout advancing mony.

67. Vizagapatam being a place of very little trade, [there] are no Merchants under your Protection qualified [to] carry on an Investment, without mony being ad[vanced] for which Reason we are forc'd to acquiesce af[ter] having done all in our power, to put matters upon [the] same foot as recommended in your 86$^{th.}$ Paragrap[h].

The orders in yor. 88 para are provided for & shall be observd.

Mr. Martin shall be debted for the damagd Goods.

68. Your Orders in the 88$^{th.}$ Parag touching damag['d] goods in the Warehouse, and the settling of Remain[der] on the decease of any Warehousekeep$^{r.}$ or the deliver[y of] the Warehouse to another person, we had before pro[posd] for, and during our time they shall be religiously ob[servd] M$^{r.}$ Martin being gone home to plead his cause before your Hon$^{rs.}$ we shall debt him for the damage upon [the] Longcloth and the Sallampores, for the Reasons [you are] pleased to give, and we are perswaded that if the [. . .] we are now in with the Warehouse be strictly obser[ved] your Hon$^{rs.}$ need not be under any Apprehension [of the] West Coast Management being introduced here, tho' [it] must be confessd things were tending that way in [the] Warehouse when your President arriv'd.

69. Your Orders relating to Salt petre & Redwood in [the] 89th. 90th. & 91s. paragrs. shall be carefully observ'd, and [we] will give orders to Capt. Phrip now bound to the West Coast, to take in the Salt petre if there be any left [which] will be a furtherance of his dispatch when he return[s] hither; your Capts. are made acquainted wth. your [Peti]tions concerning Donnage that they may provide Acc[ord]ingly.

We shall give directions to Capt. Phrip now going to ye. Wt. Coast concerng. Salt Petre. We have acquainted yor. Capts. concerning Donnage.

70. As to what your Honrs. are pleased to write concerning Rupees, we now govern ourselves by what they write from the Bay, and they have this year desir'd us to Coin them, wch. was we suppose upon our making appear to them that they were mistaken two ℔cent in their Calculate, which is what sav'd in the coinage of Rupees; we had no Rups. to send down when the Avarilla was dispatchd, and therefore our Letter made no mention of that Affair.

[We hear] the Bay Gentn. are [aware of] their Mistake off having]ing orderd us to coin [. . .]

71. We have signifyed to the Bay that we are ready to fill up Ships as fast as they send them Kentilag'd & half Loaden with Bales, recommending at the same time the Dispatch of the Marlbrô, Stretham and Recovery as Ships that lye at the greatest Charge, and this method will likewise answer your Expectation as to the repartition of your Cargoes.

We advisd ye. Bay that [We are read]y to fill up Ships [as fast as] they send them us.

72. Thus having answerd such Articles under this head, as required it, we shall have the less to trouble you with by our own Shipping.

Fourthly Touching the Trade of India in Generall, & therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

73. It is not only our misfortune at present, but all ports and places in India Complain of a Generall decay of trade, the troubles of Spahawne still continue notwithstanding yor. new Agent's Arrivall, and no prospect of their being ended at last without great Damage to your Estate, and some of our ancient Priviledges must be lost in the Squabble, which has given the Persians too great an insight into the management of our Affairs, the Dutch are much in the same circumstances with us or worse thrô the ill Conduct of those persons that are at the head of their Affairs, that have fallen out among themselves, and made the Persians Umpires of their quarrell, by which means their books are fallen into their hands, and all the mysteries of their Trade disclos'd one ill consequence of these fatall differences, we have already felt by the visiting and sealing up all Goods that come down from Ispahan, so that no Silver can pass conceald as usuall; this puts a Generall dam[p on] the trade at Gombroon goods bearing no price & Sil[ver] not being to be had, they impose Gold in payment at [any] price they please, and the Ships are kept so late as [to] run the hazard of loosing their passage.

The Genll. decay of trade & particularly the ill [conseque]nces of ye. troubles at [Ispahan.]

74. We have venturd a Ship to Moco again this ye[ar] that is not yet returnd, tho' we may hope to acquain[t you] with her good or bad Success before this Letter is close [d; we] have likewise attempted to renew the Trade wth Mus[cat] where our Ships have mett wth. very good Treatment [and] returnd with considerable advantage.

We have venturd again to Moco & are endeavouring to renew ye. trade to Muscat.

75. The Trade of Surat is reducd to worse Circumstan[ces] than ever by the Rapaciousness of the Government [there] the ill practises of the Custom house, we sent but [one] Ship from this place and the Bay last year, and [she has] not yet returnd being obligd to winter in Bombay, [The] Success your Generall met with at the Barr of that [place] must undoubtedly have reachd your Honrs. by the [Heath]cote and Mountague, there have been two or three new [changes] since the Treaty was made, and we fear they will [have to] stand to what was agreed by their Predecessors.

The trade of Surat is very bad there went but one Ship last Season & she obliged to stay ye. year round. There are also frequent changes of Government.

We return thanks for yor. forbearance of trading by way of China, ye. Success of ye. strethm. demonstrates that ye. trade has been over drove; but we hope will revive wth. a little breathing.

76. We return your Hon^rs. our most hum^ble. thanks in [the] name of all your Servants and Inhabitants of this [place] for the consideration you have been pleasd to have [of] them in forbearing to send a Ship round by way of [China] the extravagant price of Gold, Copper and Tutenag[ue] by your Ship Stretham, thô there was no competi[tion] from this place for want of silver, sufficiently [demons]trates that Trade has been over drove, and that we[were] not wrong in our Judgement, when we took the [liberty] to petition your Hon^rs. concerning the China Voyage wee have only sent two Ships this year w^th. small s[ums] not having silver enuff in time to send for Gold as [well] so that we have reason to hope this year's breathing [will] give a new life to the Trade, unless the French shoud [go] round from Peru to Canton and this Coast, which Project they have been forming for some time.

If too much Shipping had not [du]ly been employd there [would not] have been ye. present [loud] Complaint. [Customs] are as large as [8000 Pags.]

77. We make it our Endeavours to Employ as many Ships [as] the Trade will bear and no more, and had the same m[eans] been practis'd for some years past there wou'd not have [been] such loud complaints of unprofitable Voyages, we have now God be praisd a fair prospect of better times, and tho we cannot boast of any great Advantage made this last seasons,' tis with a great deal of pleasure we can assure your Hon^rs. that your Article of Sea Customs will be very considerable, the month of May having bro^t. you in upwards of Eight Thousand Pag^s.

Servts. are forbid to be [engagd] in mony matters or under ye. Moors Govr. [one] has been lately pun[ished] ye. latter.

78. In answer to your 97^th. 98^th. and 99^th. Paragr^ph. we have laid severe injunctions on all your serv^ts. not to have any Dealings w^th. those of the Moors Government in mony matters and if ever we have the least information of any such thing in Agitation we shall put your Orders in Execution. We likewise forbid all your Inhabitants under our Presidency to rent under the Government, assuring them that they shall not be protected in case of any disputes; one Telesinga Cook of the Fort has been discoverd to rent a Village unknown to the former Govern^r. for which he has been imprisond and find fifty Pagodas, which will terrifie others from doing the like hereafter.

We shall [s]uppress all Extravagan [ces in] subordinate Factories.

79. We shall be sure to check the first Appearances of extravagant Pomp and figure in your Subordinate Factorys, being very sensible how much you have sufferr'd by M^r. Holcombs pride and vanity at Vizagapatam.

[We have] wrote Mr. Hastings for a [narrative] of M Holcomb's [debts]

80. We have wrote M^r. Hastings for a full narrative of the Debts due to M^r. Holcombe which shall be sent yo^r. Hon^rs. by the next Ship, and if any of them are recoverable, no Endeavours of Ours shall be wanting.

Expence we have at to[. . .] &ca we hope will [convince] yor. Honrs. of our good [intentions] tow^ds. yor. Interest.

81. The Peace and quietness we have enjoy'd at this place since your Presidents arrivall, and the inconsiderable Expence we have been at for Presents to the men in power we hope will convince your Hon^rs. that we have your Interest at heart and that we have governd ourselves by your former instructions; what you have now been pleased to add in your 101^st Parag^r. on this subject shall likewise be duely regarded.

Ye Revolutions of Govmt.

82. We wrote your Hon^rs. by the last years Shipping the great Revolution that happend, in this Empire upon the Death of Shah Aalem, and particularly by the Howland, We added that Prince Furruckseer Son to Azamod[dowla] that governd Bengall had passd Agra w^th his army, [and de]feated the King his Uncle, Jahawn Dor Shah, which [has] been since confirmd as follows.

The Manner of Prince Furruckseer's obtaining ye Empire.

83. This young Prince hearing the sad Fate of his ffather by advice of an old Sied call'd Abdulla Cawn, whom [Aurang]zeb had given him for a Tutor, immediately causd [him]self to be proclam'd King, and with his Fathers Treas[ures] what he reaisd in Patna among the Merchants of [all other] Nations

he got a pretty good Army together, and hear[ing] his uncle had disoblig'd most of the great Omrahs, [with] barbarous crueltys, and vicious Course of life, he ma[rchd] directly for Agra, near which Citty the Kings Army [gave] him battle and was intirely defeated, many great [men] going over to Furrockseer's side; the King w^th^ Zulpha[kar]Cawn fled to Delhi, but Furrockseer with his victori[ous] Army followed them close at the heels, surrounded [the] City, that immediately Surrenderd, and took them prisoners; few days after they were both murther'd and [Fur]ruckseer remains peaceable possessor of the Empire [and] has made the Sied Abdulla Cawn his prime Vizier [and] Gousdeen Cawn, who came over to him in the battle [as] Nabob of all the Dacan Country which includes th[e] Cornatta, Vizapoor & Golconda, he has the Charecter [of] a brave generous man and a friend to the Europeans[;] we have news of his Arrivall at Oringabad, and ex[pect] him to take his Residence near Vizapoor at a pla[ce] call'd Burhanpoor, where when arrivd it will be absolutely necessary for us to address to him, because he [has] a very great Interest with the present King, and in[fluence] throughout the Empire; whatever we are obligd to do [well] be manag'd with the greatest frugality.

Sied Abdulla Cawn prime Vizier. Gousdeen Cawn Nabob of the Dacan Country.

84. Your Hon^rs^. will have heard from Bengall that [our] old friend Zoodee Cawn came early into this new King[s] Interest, and made a very brave defence in Hughly [against] a much Superiour force on the side of the former [King] He is now rewarded by being made Duan of all [the] Dacan Country under Gousdeen Cawn, which is a [very] great Employment, the Gentlemen in Bengall, who [were] very assisting to him under hand at Hughly seem to[have] their Chief dependance upon Him, for introducing our Present to the New King.

Our friend Zoodee Cawn having come early into ye New Kings Interest is made Duan of the Dacan.

85. Zulphakur Cawn being cut off, there came immediate Orders from court to reassume all the Lands and Villages that were granted him in these parts by Aurengzeb in consideration of his good Services in the Conquest of the Chinjee Country; accordingly the Duan our Suba sent us a Summonds to deliver up Egmore &ca Villages granted us by Zulphakur Cawn on Acco^t^. of the assistance we gave him w^th^. Ammunition and what else he wanted to carry on his designs; we have hitherto stavd this Business off w^th^. good words and pleading our rights, and when the new Nabob comes nearer, we will endeavour to get our grant confirmd, in the mean time if any Force is us'd to take them from us, we resolve to defend them as well as we can; we are in dayly expectation that our Duan will be turn'd out, as having been a Creature and Vassall of Zulphakur Cawn, for which reason, we avoid purchasing his friendship in this matter by Presents.

There being a resumption of ye. Grants made to Zulphakur Cawn our Villages of Egmore &ca given us by him were demanded, but we plead our right & are resolvd to hold them as yet w^th^. out a present.

86. In our 87^th^ Parag^r^: by the Dartmouth, we advisd that upon the News of Shah Aalem's death, the Collector Gen^ll^: of Zulphakur Cawn's Rents in this Country, being apprehensive of great Troubles took Sanctuary here with his Masters Treasure; we treated him with great civility, and when the news came that Jahawn Dor Shah had obtain'd the Throne, he return'd to Arcot very well contented; upon the late Revolution when he heard that Furruckseer was upon his March to Delhi after the Battle, he return'd to us again with a greater treasure than before; soon after his Arrivall the news came that the King and Zulphakur Cawn were cutt off, and at the same time we rec'd a perwanna from the Duan, demanding the aforesaid Person w^th^. all his Treasure to be immediately sent to Arcott for what passd in this affair we beg leave to referr you to our Consultation of y^e^. 26^th^ March, and our Letter to the Duan which you will find in the Country Letter book N^o^. 84, the Duan remaind well satisfyed w^th^. our Conduct in y^e^ Affair, & we have heard nothing further of it since.

Zulphakur Cawns Collector comes here again after ye. late King & his Master were cut off & is sent for back by ye. Duan.

87. The New King is a young Man of About twenty six years of age, he has the Charecter of being brave, prudent & generous and is the last of the race of Aurengzeb except some young Children, imprisond in the Fortress of Goualeor where when once they have enter'd they never come out, & have potions given

The Character of ye New King.

them to destroy their Sences, this seems to be the King for whom, Providence has designd your Present, which leads us to touch upon that Affair.

The News we have rec'd. from Bengall concerng. ye. Present.

88. M^r^. Fowkes that was intended to accompany your present to Court is dead and by our last letters from Beng^ll^. dated the 26^th^ June, your President & Councill write us that they intend to send it forward to Patna under the Conduct of Cojah Serhad, an Armenian, w^th^ whose Charecter your Hon^rs^. cannot be unacqainted; he is no doubt a Capable person to negociate at the Mogulls Court, but deeply indebted both to your Hon^rs^. and other People, they do not write us what Europeans they intend to send along with him, nor can we think of any Persons in your Service fit for Such an undertaking, except M^r^. Hedges that does not seem to have any inclination thereto, nor do we believe the rest woud ever consent to send him; we have not been wanting in our advices to them upon this occasion, and now we write them our Sentiments very fully by the Hannover, as your Hon^rs^. may please to observe in our Book of Letters sent N°. 56, to which we beg leave to referr you for severall particulars of moment, that must otherwise have been incerted here, however we cannot forbear expressing our fears that you will be put to a much greater Expence than ever you tho^t^. of or intended, w^th^. out reaping any Benefit that will be worth one quarter part of the mony.

We have not faild to give them our best advice in ye. Affair.

But fear the Success will not be equall to the charge.

This prest. was prudently designd at first when the King was at Golcondah, & the Charge woud have been small, but his sudden departure from thence disappointed y^t^. project.

89. This Present was very prudently intended by M^r^. Pitt to have mett the King when he came down to the Destruction of his Brother Cawn Bucks at Golcondah; the Expence wou'd then have been trifling to what it is like to be now, and the King was so apprehensive of his Bro^rs^. getting down to the Sea Ports, that he woud readily have granted us very valuable priviledges, but his sudden departure from thence by hasty Marches renderd that Project Ineffectuall, as M^r^. Pitt will inform You; and now all our hope is, that the present King will have some Consideration for us, on Acco^t^. of the sum of Mony so readily supplyd him with upon his March from Patna to Agra, which he then said (or at least we are told so) he would never forgett.

Since ye. Conclusion of ye. Peace at Ft. St. Dd. ye. country has been very quiet.

Yor. D. Gov^r^. & Councll. have fallen far short of their promises to recover ye. Renters debt &ca: & wt. we write about matters our ordrs. are slighted.

90. Our last letters acquainted your Honours with the happy End we had put to the Warr of Fort St. David, in w^ch^. Gov^r^. Hebert was very assisting; the Country has been as quiet and Peaceable ever since as if no such thing had happen'd and there is no doubt but under good Management, it will so continue; we wish we coud acquaint You that the promises made by your Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Councill to recover a large Sum due from Severall persons to the Renters was complyd with, our Letters will shew we have not been wanting to refresh their memories in this affair as well as for the retrenching their Expences, improveing their Revenues and encourageing their Inhabitants, the Arguments and evasions in their Answers are no way satisfactory to us, nor can we think they will meet w^th^. your Approbation, and unless we can have our Orders better complyd with, we shall hardly be able to bear such usage till the arrivall of your next Shipping, we have had a great regard to your Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. in Consideration of his Activity in the warr, and that he is appointed by your Hon^rs^. Successor to this place; but if he continues in the same temper and gives us so much disturbance in your Affairs as he has done of late, we cannot think you will blame us if we should call him from thence; three thousand Pag^s^. ℔ month which is the least That place stands you in, and no Revenues worthy Notice to Support the Expence, is more than your yearly investments will bear.

Wherefore if we shoud remove D. Gov^r^. from thence we hope'twill meet yo^r^. Approvall.

The Extravagant praises of ye. military at Ft. St. Dd. in their Letter ℔ Howland very unjust.

91. Upon perusing the Copy of the ffort S^t^. David Generall Letter wrote your Hon^rs^. by Ship Howland, after her departure, we were extreamly surprizd at the great Charecter and unlimited Commendations bestowd upon yo^r^. military Servants of that place in Generall for their behaviour during the warr without any Exception, because we could not so soon forgett the barbarous Murthers, Mutinys and Desertions, of which their Generall Letters as well as private ones from the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. to our Govern^r^. here had so frequently complaind, and

lamented as their greatest misfortune; we wou'd do all manner of Justice to those Officers and Soldiers that behav'd themselves well, yet we must not at the same time forget, that the frequent desertions from our out guards to the Enemys Camp were one main inducement to us for putting an End to the war as we did, thô at the Expence of so Considerable a Sum of Mony.

92. In Answer to your 105th. Paragr we have been often promisd from Fort St. David, that we should have sufficient Evidence to prove their Charge against Mr. Roberts, at other times we have been told it would be impossible to prove any Sum taken by him to let the Renters go, since the Arrivall of your Shipping we have transmitted them this paragr: and pressd them to get something done effectually as your Honrs. may please to read in the 24th. Paragr: of our Letter dated the 3d. July in our Book of Letters sent No. 41, to which they answer that they will use all their Endeavours to procure Affidavits, and have not ceasd to do so, since they protested against him.

We are trifled with by Ft. St. David in ye. Affair of Mr. Roberts.

93. In the 65th. paragr of our Letter by the Mary, we acquainted your Honrs. that we had made a happy beginning by buying part of the new Compa's. debt to the Metchlepatam Merchts. and that we expected we shoud be able in a little time to make a further Progress, we have from that time been in Expectation that the principall Creditors residing at Metchlepatam woud come up hither having had frequent Advices of their being ready to sett out; but we find by what has lately happen'd, they never intended it, till after the Arrivall of this years Shipping having unknown to us employd the Armenians to sollicite your Honrs. in England, and we were greatly surpriz'd upon the Arrivall of the first Seperate Stock Ship Windsor; to find a confident report spread about the Town at once that the Armenians had receivd advices, of your Honrs. having orderd this debt to be fully dischargd; which we took no Notice of, till after the Arrivll. of the King William, when Aga Pera Calendar Inhabitant of this place, came to your Govr. & produced an Originall Letter to Cojah Babba de Sultanum dated ye. 29th. Janry. 1712, by order of the Court, to acquaint him, that we had receivd Directions to satisfye the Merchants Demands on the New Company, as far as the same are just, and that therefore they must apply themselves to us: with Submission this quite oversets the project we had in hand, of pretending to buy in the said debts on our own Accot. besides that it gives them a mean opinion of our Integrity, having all along pretended that we had no such Orders, we must now proceed in another method, and treat wth. their above board, which shall be enterd upon wth. all convenient Speed, and managd with as much discretion as we are masters of, thô we cannot hope to come off so cheap as we shou'd have done, cou'd the former method we were in have been persued.

The hopes we had of buying up the Metchlepatam debt at an under rate frustrated by yor. Honrs. Orders ye King William.

We must now proceed on Anothr. footing.

94. We have all due reguard to yor: Honrs: 77 Paragr. by the Heathcote; as well as what wrote since upon this subject but we have formerly wrote You that nobody here knows anything of the ill practises in Iapah Chitty's Accots. nor can we find any Papers to explain them; we applyd to Mr. Raworth by word of Mouth when he was here, but he cou'd give us no light into the Affair, at least he told us so, nor cou'd he produce any Copy of what wrote the New Compa. on this Occasion, all we have to guide ourselves by, is an Accot. Currt. Book of Mr. Tillard's wherein the Merchts. Accots. are settled, ballanc'd and signed by him without any Exception; upon the whole whatever we transact shall be done with the greatest Integrity and reguard to your Interest, and we hope by the next Ship to acquaint you that the Business is done.

In this affair we shall regard yor. Orders by ye. Heathcote as well as these. We can get no light into ye. ill practises in Iappa Chittys Accots. We shall end the matter as well as we can.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings and Revenues.

95. We gave your Honrs. a full Accot. by the last Shipps. of our proceedings in that chargeable Article of Building, and do now reassure you that we have acted with all possible frugality; the Hospitall and guard house are finished to a Trifle, and the People removd into them, we were not able to undertake the Colledge at the same time, and having made you a propossall in our Letter by the Mary, for building an inner Fort that will accommodate all your Servants much better than

Having the last year give yor Honrs. full accot. of our proceedings in Building &

made a proposall to you, we shall wait yor. Orders before we begin upon ye. Colledge.

can be done by rebuilding the Colledge, that stands upon no more than sixty foot square of ground, we determine to expect your further orders and in the mean time make the best shift we can for accommodations.

Varnishing will not preserve ye. Timbers from ye. white Ants.

96. We observe what your Hon^{rs}. write concerning varnishing with Red Earth and Oil, and do use the very best methods known in these parts for the preservation of our Timber work but the greatest damage done by the white Ants is in the Ends of the Timbers that lodge in y^{e}. Walls, and there it is not any varnish that will secure them.

The New guard house stands on [a] part of ye. ground of ye. old mint & ye. bricks were used in it's foundation. Deadness of trade has prevented our hitherto assessing ye. mint Braminys but it be done this Season. Many are ye. good Effects of removing ye. Mint.

97. In Answer to your 112th. paragr̃: the ground on w^{ch}. y^{e}. old mint stood, is now part of the free guard house, and the bricks were us'd in the foundation of it, as for other materialls they were rotten and useless; the deadness of Trade and Coinage for these three or four years past, has withheld us from assessing the mint Braminys as we promisd towards the new mint, but it shall be done before this Season is spent, and we do assure you the good Effects of removing the mint are very apparent, your Garrison having been much more healthy ever since it was done and we have double the convenience we had before, besides a great deal of annuall Charge sav'd in rep^{rs}. and building sheds into the Street.

Yor. Presidt. has been to view ye. founda. of ye. mount house that was proposd to be built for 3,000 Pags. but we are certain it must stand you in 8 or 10,000 & therefore shall not set about it. but are repairing ye. Garden house to answer that End.

98. Your President has been at the Mount to view the foundation of the intended house, that was laid in M^{r}. Fraser's time, projected by M^{r}. Roberts upon a vain presumption that the whole building woud not stand you in more than Three thousand Pag^{s}. this foundation is what your Hon^{rs}. mention to have stood you in six hundred pag^{s}. in your 113th. Paragr̃: By the best computation we are able to make, the whole work can never be compleated for a less sum than Eight to Ten thousand pag^{s}. which we think so extravigant a Sum that we have no heart to set about it, especially at this time of Day when your trade labours under so many Difficultys, and we are obligd against our will to wor[k] upon other more necessary and profitable Buildings; in the mean time we are repairing your Garden house, the Beams of which were falling in, as you may please to observe in our Consultation of the 23rd. March, which wth. the addition of one upper room will pretty well answer the End intended by building at the Mount.

The subscription ye. Hospitall shall come this Season, & we shall till keep it on foot.

99. The subscription to the new Hospitall shall come by this years Shipping, when we hope it will be considerably Augmented, and we shall keep it afoot in hopes after the Building is paid for to have a sufficient Stock, for the relief of such poor People as are taken in to be cur'd and have nothing to help themselves.

Jearsey house is so much out of repair that we fear shall be obligd to pull it down.

100. Jearsey house that was purchasd in Gov^{r}. Higginson's time is so much out of Repair that no body can lye dry in it, we have thoroughly surveyd it, as your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe in our Consultations of the 6th. & 20th. July and finding it will cost a great sum of mony to Repair, the intire roof being decayd and ready to fall in, and the floor of the 2^{d}. story as bad, we have laid aside all thoughts of repairing and fear we shall be forc'd to pull it down.

Having permitted them at

101. We have permitted them to begin upon new Godowns at Fort S^{t}. David, for fear your Bales should be damag'd; they have not hands even for that work

so that we have been forcd to Supply them from hence, tho' a great hindrance to our own Building; We first proposd to them to seek for Assistance among their Neighbours and particularly at Pontichery, where they had few years ago five to six hundred people constantly at work on their new Fortifications; in their Letter to us dated the 26th. July N°. 89, we desire You will please to observe what an impertinent answer they returned Us.

Ft. St Dd. to begin upon new Godowns for yor. Bales, & proposing to them to get workmen from Pontichery we desire you'll observe their impertinent Answer.

102. We wrote your Honrs. in our 45th. Paragr: by the Mary that Mr. Raworth had unknown to us repaird the Garden house at Fort St. David and afterwards upon his writing that it cost no more than five hundred & fifty Pags: We permitted him to be reimbursd because the Lodgings in the Fort were tumbling down, but since, upon inspecting their Paymasters Accots, we find more than three times that Sum laid out, and have orderd in ours of the 14th August N°. 53, that all it amounts to more than the 550 Pags. be repaid into your Cash.

[Pe' rusing ye. Fort St. Dd. Paymrs. [Accts to] we find that Mr. Rawth. laid out [three times]the sum he told us & therefore we have orderd to repay ye. overplus.

103. We neglect no Opportunity of cultivating your Revenues, and may say without vanity they were never so punctually collected as now, which will appear upon our Consultations and in your Acco: of Cash; we suffer no person to run in Arrears, only in the Article of Sea Customs we are obligd to allow Merchants a reasonable time till their goods are sold; but this is only to such as we call sure men; we had it in our thoughts to lay a small duty upon Toddy, Tamerin and Salt, but upon enquiry among the principall inhabitants, we found it wou'd fall very heavy upon the poor labouring People, and among the rest Your Washers, Beaters, Cooleys and all sorts of workmen that subsist but very indifferently already, and therefore we have thought it more adviseable, to forbear putting further hardships upon them.

Yor. revenues are punctually Collected. We forbear laying a duty on Toddy, Tamerin & Salt because twill fall too heavy on ye. poor.

104. We bought up as much grain this year in the cheapest time as we durst venture to do for fear of raising the price, and shall be carefull to sell off what we do not want for the use of the Garrison before the new Crop comes in; we have no Godowns fit to lodge any quantity of Rice or Paddy in, which is a very great inconvenience; this place was in a manner wholly supplyd the last Monsoon by Sea, which is a glorious Article in yor. Revenue and has greatly disappointed the Country renters that expected to have made their own terms.

We layd in a Store of Grain this year, wch. we shall dispose of as ye. new Crop comes in.

105. We salt up no provisions here at present, finding it an unnecessary Expence, but if the Troubles of the Country come too near us will go to work: what little they sent us from Bengall proov'd very good.

We think it an unnecessary Expence to Salt up provisions here at present.

106. In answer to your 118th. paragr: it was upon information given your President by a very understanding Person in the Service of the Duan, that he sent to Sunca R[eddi]to take out of the Kings Register books at Arcott the Annuall income of the five Villages formerly given us by Doud Cawn, which he did, and made it appear to be the sum we wrote You; The same was confirmd by Zulphakur Cawns Collector, when he resided here, as also that Doud Cawn made good the Rent for the time the Villages were in our possession, and why they did not let for more when we had them might be occassion'd by the great distance some of them lay from us, and the hazards they were exposed to.

What we wrote you of ye. Income of Doud Cawn's 5 Villages was made appear to us by very good hands. We coud let them for no more they being at such a distance.

107. The Two hundred Eighty six pagodas due for Custom on the Elephants past by Mr. Fraser, will be made good by his Order.

the mony due on Elephants past by Mr. Fraser will be paid.

We shall enquire into ye. loss of time upon expiration of a cowle, & will suffer no such thing hereafter.

108. We shall be carefull to give sufficient warning before any cowle for Farming your Revenues is expir'd that a new one may Commence without Loss of time or mony, the Three months your Hon^{rs}. mention to have been lost shall be enquird after in time for our next Letter.

There is only one Survivor of ye. old Tobacco Farmers, whom we think to release undr. restrictions. The List of debts due to them is found to signifie Nothing.

109. In our 113th. Paragr̃: by the Dartmouth, we gave a ful[l] Acco^{t}. of the old Tobacco Farmers Debt and their present Circumstances, another of them is since dead in prison, so that there is one only survivor that is not worth a Pagoda in the world, and therefore we think to give him his liberty under some restrictions: the Paper N°. 31, in the Packquetts by the Bouverie and Frederick, was a list of Debts which these people pretended were due to them, and amus'd M^{r}. Fraser with it; but upon enquiry every person therein mention'd was found either to be dead or in as bad circumstances as themselves.

The Quit rent is under good Regulation & duely collected.

110. The Business of your Quit Rents is at present under so good a Regulation that the mony is allways collected in due time, and with as much equality as Possible.

While M^{r}. Benyon acted as Sea Cust^{r}. he made sev^{rl}. good regulations in collecting that Revenue.

111. Upon M^{r}. Martin's going for England we appointed M^{r}. Bernard Benyon Provisionall Sea Customer, to act in that station till the close of the Books in Aprill, during which time he proposed severall very necessary regulations as your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe in our Consultation the 26th. March, for collecting that Revenue With greater Certainty and dispatch, and for preventing frauds in the Conicoplys: which were unanimously agreed to, and are now put in practise.

The Regulations in the Land [Cus] toms have encreasd y^{t}. revenue.

112. The good Effects of our Regulations in the Land Customs are apparent by the encrease of that Revenue, and if some unexpected damp does not fall upon our Trade, we may hope still to enlarge it.

We shall enter ye. balls. of Accots. read in Consult^{a}. but ye mony [ca'nt] Always be paid in th[en] We advance ye. Paym^{r}. no mony till he is obligd to pay it away.

113. Upon looking back we find that it has not been the Custom when people read their Acco^{ts}. in Consultations to enter the Ballances: that Omission is now remedyed, but the mony cannot allways be paid in when the Acco^{t}. is read, for thô the Person debts himself, he does not receive it till some time after good care and vigilance at the Board, will prevent any inconveniences by often calling for the Mony, what your Hon^{rs}. complain of in the Paymasters Acco^{ts}. has not happen'd since your Presidents Arrivall, unless when mony has been advanced to buy materialls for building, and that is now done by the Storekeeper who issues them to the Paymaster as their is occasion, and we never advance the Paymaster any mony, till the very time he is obligd to pay it away; we have formerly given our Reasons why the Sea Customer must allways be in Arrears.

We will not permit our Inhabitants to apply to ye. Moors for Justice.

114. We shall suffer none of our Inhabitants of what Nation soever to apply for Justice to the Country Government, some Essays of that kind have been made, but they were nip'd in the Bud, and if we find any Moors, Persians or Patans amongst us that are traitors to your Interest we shall not scruple to turn them out of the Place.

We now send ye. Charter wrote for ℔ Dartmouth.

115. We beg pardon for the mistake in the Copy of the Charter, and now send what your Hon^{rs}. wrote for by the Dartmouth.

Sixthly touching Factors & Writers, Officers & Soldiers, & their Accounts.

The persons to whom yor. Honrs. have

116. The Seven Gentlemen whom your Hon^{rs}. have been pleasd to distinguish, in your 132^{d}. paragr̃: upon our Recommendation, by one years advance

in their Standing, return their most humble. thanks and promise their utmost Endeavours to merit the continuance of your favour, there is no doubt but this Encouragement will excite all those that have any ingenuity to greater diligence and application.

given a year return thanks.

117. When we acquainted you by last Shipping that we had made Mr. Woodward youngest of Councill at Fort St. David, we omitted to add that we were encourag'd thereto by his having alterd his course of life, and firm promises to apply himself Strictly to Business; we have since had no complaint of him from Fort St. David, your orders concerning idle, wicked and unprofitable Servants, shall be obey'd and we fear Mr. Whichcote must come by the next Ships for we can make nothing of him.

Mr. Woodward much mended since our last. We believe, must send home Mr. Whichcote.

118. When Thomas Thomson was taken into your Service the Accomptants Office was so weak that we thot. it a real benefit to your Affairs, and fear this matter may have been misrepresented to your Hons. he never has been placd above any of your Servants, nor is he entitled to any standing, the salary he has receivd is but bare subsistance, so that he is not in a capacity to pay the 20 £ you order, his debts in England having obligd him to list a Soldier in your Service; Mr. William Nanney being now in the Accomptants Office and some others pretty well improov'd since your President's arrivall, Thomson may very well be spar'd and so his Salary ceases.

Misrepresentations concerng. Thos. Thomson. He is not able to pay ye. 20 £ orderd. He is taken from ye. Office and his Salary ceases.

119. We will send a particular Accot. of the Liquors and provisions receivd this Season by the next Conveyance, the seperate Stock Ships bringing a quantity of Madera Wine it was sold at half the usuall price, which encourag'd us to lay in a Store to supply the subordinate Factorys and the West Coast.

We shall send an Accot. of Liquors &ca. recd ye next Conveya. but we had supplyd ourselves wth. Madeira out of ye. seperate Ships, it selling for 1/2 ye. usuall price.

120. We waited with patience till ye. 30th March last in hopes Mr. Alexander Bennett your Steward wou'd lessen the Expence by his thrifty management in that Employ but on the contrary having occasion to find fault with severall Articles he told your Govr. in few words, he cou'd not do it cheaper, upon which we made tryall of one Henry Spackman formerly steward to Govr. Pitt, who reduc'd the Expence of Aprill month very near two hundred Pagodas, for which reason we continue him in the Employ, and have had the same success in all the succeeding months: severall of your covenanted Servants not at all qualified for that Business thought it a hardship put upon them, but we can never think ourselves wrong in saving you two thousand Pags. a year by paying five Pagodas a month, and when there is any among your servants as well qualified to do the same, he shall be sure to be employed; we are of Opinion that Mr. Bennett is very fit for other branches of your Business and he is a sober diligent man, but the Business of a Steward has some thing particular that very few here will ever attain to.

Mr. Bennet acquainting the Govr. that he coud not lessen ye. Stewards Expence, We have tryd one Spackman, who saves You 2000 Pags a Year.

121. The Persian Master whom we entertain'd to teach yor. Servants is since dead and very much regretted, as he was a good man and very capable of that Employ, there is never another in the place that can speak a word of English or Portuguese, which is a great misfortune to those that had made a beginning and especially to young John Turton who had made an unusuall progress in that Language for the time; in our humble opinion there can be no greater encouragement for such as make themselves masters of the Eastern Languages than to give them the preference to such as do not think it worth their while to take the same pains.

The Persian Master dead & never Another in ye. Place. John Turton made unusuall Progress therein for ye. time.

Yor. Orders concerng. ye. Warehouse shall be observd. As also wt. relates to Mr. Ward.

122. Your Orders in the 140th paragraph that none shall have credit in the Warehouse but by order of Councill shall be duely observd as also what follows in the next paragraph relating to My Lord Chief Baron's Son, who promises very well, but is so frequently visited with terrible fitts of the Stone, that it is impossible he can sett long to Business, thô he is very willing and oblig^{g}.

Mr. Lewis goes home ℔ next Ship. We return thanks for ye. two Gentlemen now sent, who at prest. answer ye. good Character given them.

123. Your minister M^{r}. Lewis is determin'd home by the next Ship, and we return your Hon^{rs}. thanks for the two Gentlemen now sent us, by the little experience we have had, they answer the good charecter you have been pleasd to bestow on them, and they shall want no encouragement that is in our power to give whilst they continue to behave themselves as becomes their Sacred function, the Service of this place is too hard for one Minister, however M^{r}. Long shall visit ffort S^{t}. David at least once or twice a year; your Orders relative to M^{r}. Lewis his passage home shall be observd, and we will have due regard to your 144th Paragf: extracted out of the new Companys Charter relating to Ministers and Schoolmaster.

Concerning erecting a Charity School, our Endeavours shall not be wanting, but we hope ye persons sent out on this Occasn. will be English' for we do not think ye. Danes answr Expecta.

124. The design of erecting a Charity School or Schools at this place, is a very noble one and worthy that Hon^{ble}. Society for promoting Christian knowledge, we will not only be ready to assist them with the power you have given us, but also with our purses, and do not doubt but many of your Inhabitants will do the same, if the persons they send out are of tempers and qualifications fit for the undertaking, but we hope they will be English and not forreigners; the Danish missionarys have not wanted for our assistance on all Occasions, thô we must still continue of Opinion y^{t}. they spend a great deal of the Societys mony to little or no purpose, and thô there may be some good men among them, there is one very Turbulant Person, of whose principles you may please to judge, by his contriving the escape of M^{r}. Abendana's Widow from her Creditors here to Trincombar, and marry^{g}. her thô a Jew to a Christian by the way.

There is no such distinction here betwn. ye Doctors, as Chief & Mr. Robson declares to know nothing of any complaints made of hardships done him.

125. When we wrote that we had taken Doct^{r}. Suplee into Doctor Chadsley's place, we did not mean as chief Surgeon, not having known any such distinction here, their provinces are distinct, one has the Charge of the Hospitall, and the other attends your covenanted Serv^{ts}. if they please, and assists in the Hospitall if there is too much work for one; we gave Doctor Robson the choice in regard of your Orders by the Dartmouth, and he declares it is not with his knowledge, if any Complaint has been made to your Hon^{rs}. of hardship done him.

The soldiers sent this year are the best we ever rec'd. Lieut. Johnston sent to Ft. St. David. Having 3 Lieutts. we hâ given Each ye. charge of a Compa. Ensign Pearson has desired to return ℔ this Ship.

126. The Soldiers you have been pleasd to send us this year are the best recruits we ever receiv'd only one of them had the misfortune to loose both his Legs in the Downs. We have sent Lieut^{t}. Johnson to Fort S^{t}. David, where there was a vacancy, and having three Lieut^{ts}. here have divided our Garrison into three Companys, that they may be the better train'd and every officer have something to do, Ensign Pearson is too high flown to live upon your three pound a month, and having askd his discharge to return by this Ship, we very readily granted it, finding nothing in him extraordinary either of Soldier or any thing else; as for Van Itton, we can hear nothing of him, the Serjeants are good men and understand their Business.

Serjt Coghran made Ensign at Fort St. Dd. in ye. room of Kier who dyed.

127. Ensign Henry Kier dyed at Fort S^{t}. David the 19th of Jan^{ry}. last, and Serjeant Henry Coghran being recommended by the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. & Councill as a person that behavd himself well in the late warr, we consented to the making him an Ensign.

128. When we had reduc'd the Commission Officers pay according to your Orders by the Marlbrô, and came next to the Serjeants, we cou'd not find upon computation that they wou'd be able to subsist and go decently clad for less than what they now receive, we have reduc'd the Number of them, and humbly beg in their favour that you will be pleasd to continue them their usu[ll]. pay.

We desire that ye, Serjts. pay may continue as they cant subsist & go decently clad for less & we. have reduced their Numbr. to make an Equivalent.

129. Serjeant Samuell Gardener being a very diligent Officer that distinguishd himself in the Fort S[t]. David Warr, we have given him an Ensigns Commission upon Ensign Hobbs his going to Fort S[t]. David; we have pretty well cur'd the Itch of Desertion by severe punishment upon the Offenders, and making them pay the Charges we are at to recover them.

Serjt. Gardiner made Ensign [w]e have prety well cur'd ye. Itch Desertion.

130. On the 17[th]. of June dyed David Symms, and on the 17[th]. August John Castor, both Ensigns of this Garrison; we shall take care to promote such as are most deserving to these Vacancys.

Ensigns Symms & Castor dead.

131. M[r]. Philip Baker remains still under suspension, we have examind his Acco[ts]. and cannot find, but that he dischargd his Office very well, the undue stoppages of which he was accusd, are not well made out, and we know by experience the Souldiers are ready enuff to deny what has been advanc'd them, as for over chargeing the men for cloths and Caps, which is another Article laid to his charge; it appears to us upon Examination, that he never did sell them any Caps, and chargd no more for Coats than his Predecessors; upon the whole his Chief crime being disrespect to the Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. upon his Offer of submission we wrote to Fort S[t]. David our thoughts of reinstateing him, to which they returned answer in the 10[th]. paragraph of their Letter dated y[e] 19[th] Aug[st]. N°. 96, which we humbly referr to your perusall for something very extraordinary, and indeed both that and another Letter dated the 21[st]. Ditto, are such as woud incline one to believe the Penman was out of his senses.

Mr. Baker remains undr Suspension, but ye. charge against him not being well made out we wrote to Ft. S[t]. David concerning him. Refer yor. Hon[rs]. to their Answer of ye. 19th. Augst. as also another Letter of ye. 21st.

132. M[r]. Matthew Weld one of your Fort S[t]. David Councill stood D[r]. upon the last Books as paymaster Twelve hundred forty Pagodas, twelve fanams and one Cash and as Storekeeper Seven hundred Pagodas sixteen fanams, w[ch]. sums were ballances of those Employs when he quitted them Anno 1711—first we made enquiry how a paymast[r]. could be indebted, which is quite out of the course of your Business, but could have no satisfactory Answer, in the next place we orderd him to pay the mony w[th]. interest before the Books were ballanced in April last, but find[s]. ourselves slighted and contemn'd to mony being paid in, we have suspended him, and now he is here he affirms that he paid seven hundred fifteen Pagodas of the Sum to M[r]. Raworth above a year and half ago, and when your council at Fort S[t]. David found we were in earnest, they sent us up by the said Weld a scrip of paper of which we send you a true Copy in the Packett N°. 20, and write us in their Letter dated the 20[th]. July N°. 89; that he has paid so much mony to the Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. and if we reinstate him he will find friends for the Remainder, but to this day they have not made appear, that the mony is paid into your Cash, and so he stands suspended till we are better satisfyed.

The Suspension of Mr. Weld w[th]. our reasons for so doing. being now here he affirms to have paid Mr. Raworth. in part of his balls. 715 Pags. a year & ½ ago w[ch]. not appearing to have been paid into cash, he stands suspended till we are further satisfied

133. Upon Repeated complaints from Fort S[t]. David that they were not able to do the Business of the Place w[th]. out more help, we appointed M[r]. Joseph Houghton youngest of Councill, being a diligent young man in the writing Business and one that behavd well during the Warr; we beg leave to referr your Hon[rs]. to our Consultation of the 13[th] August for the Behaviour of M[r]. Thomas Gray Sec[ry]. of Fort S[t]. David upon this occasion, we were oblig'd to suspend him, but upon a very handsom submission and acknowledgement of his fault he is again restor'd.

We having appointed Mr. Houghton youngest of councill at Ft St. Dd. We must refer yor. Hon[rs]. to our Consulta. of ye. 13th. Augst. for the Behaviour of Mr. Gray on the Occasion.

We orderd Mr. Farmer to remn. at Ft. St. David till ye. Books were ballce. He may be usefull in some parts of yor. Business.

134. Mr. Richard Farmer having the Ballance of the Fort St. David Books in hand, we order'd him to remain there till they were compleated, and then he will repair hither as you have been pleas'd to direct, he may be a usefull Servt. in other branches of your Business; thô his conduct in the unhappy warr at Fort St. David is no way to be excus'd.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

Our Books will be ready for the first Ship.

135. We shall deferr answering that part of your Honrs. Letter under this head till we send our Generall Books, which are now ballancing & will be ready for the first Ship.

Touching our proceedings & Mr. Raworth's Behaviour in the Affair of Mr. Chittys Bond upon him recommended to Us from Bengall.

136. In the mean time we must acquaint your Honrs. that in Aprill last we receivd a Letter from the President & Councill in Bengall inclosing a Bond of Mr. Robert Raworth's to Mr. Josiah Chitty for thirteen thousand Eight hundred four Pags. nineteen fanams & forty cash, which was the ballance of an Accot. depending between the said Persons, settled and adjusted here, to both their Satisfactions last year; this bond Mr. Chitty having made over to the President and Councill in Bengall, to satisfye a debt due from him to a great Shroff at Patna, they have recommended to us to procure payment, being apprehensive that the said Shroff if not satisfyed might bring some trouble upon your Affairs; we sent the Bond to Mr. Raworth as soon as we receivd it, and he returnd answer it should be dischargd as soon as possible, we have since been press'd upon this Matter from Bengall in their Letter dated the 27th of May, which we communicated to Mr. Raworth a month ago, but he has not thought fit to return any answer; so that we are forcd to write back to ye. Bay that they must not discharge Mr. Chitty, for we can have no dependance upon the Bond being paid.

The Ballance of Mr. Raworth's Warehouse Accot. has been paid in, there now only remains ye. Sum in dispute between him & Mr. Martin.

137. On the 20th of Aprill Mr. Raworths Attornies paid in four thousand Pags. more on Accot. of his debt, of which we wrote you by the Dartmouth, and in Consultation of the 13th August your Honrs. will find they paid in the Ballance, there remains now only the dispute between him and Mr. William Martin upon the Ballance of their Joynt Warehouse, concerning which we wait your further Orders, Mr. Raworth having made good his half, which is as much as we dare venture to charge him.

We have settled ye. Affair of ye. Present; except a few Articles under charge of Mr. Raworth concerns. wch. we have wrote him but can get no Answer.

138. Upon receipt of the invoice of the intended present to the Mogull, which your Honrs. were pleasd to send us, we have been able to set that matter to rights, as you may please to observe in a Report made by Messrs. Frederick and Davenport in Consultation the 23rd of June, except some Articles of Pearl and other things mentiond in the said Report, concerning which we wrote Mr. Raworth in whose Custody they were as Warehousekeepr. under date of the 18th July, to which we humbly referr you, but to this day he has not thought fit to return any Answer.

Concerning the Behaviour of our Subordinates at Ft. St. Dd. in Generall. in partict. their Letters of ye. 19th & 21st Augst. wth ye. accompany pspr.

139. It wou'd be very troublesom to your Honrs. to swell this Letter with all the particulars of what has happend between us and our Subordinates at Fort St. David since the Howland was dispatch'd, some passages we have been obligd to touch upon under other heads, and the rest will lye very fairly before you in our Letters and Consultations, and as we have condescended to expostulate wth. them very often where your Interest has been concern'd rather than put the severity of your Orders in Execution, when we have been sufficiently provok'd by the levity of their Trifling Answers and their unbecoming comparisons, we dare hope for your approbation of what has passd hitherto, and of what we may hereafter determine upon their intemperate Letters of the 19th and 21st August, and the accompanying paper, wherein Mr. Raworth wildly appeals to your Honrs. with a further reserve of appeal hereafter to a Superiour power in a case that will not bare a dispute, as you will see in the former part of our Letter under the head of Buildings.

140. What falls under this head is their Acco^{t}. Cash and Pay[masters[Acco^{ts}. the former we have orderd to be sent us monthly, as soon as ballanc'd and read in Consultation; but for some Reasons best known to the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. we never can get it till the latter end of the next month and hardly then, and as for the Paymasters Acco^{ts}. they are kept so long back, and have so many extraordinary charges in them, that we have been forc'd to find fault, but hitherto have been told that they know not where to lessen the charge upon any one Article.

They do not send their Cash & Paym^{rs}. Acco^{ts}. according to order. When We complain of y^{e}. extraordry. Expense in y^{e}. latter, they tell us they dont know Where to lessen it.

141. Twelve of your Fort S^{t}. David Merchants having by severall Letters to your Govern^{r}. desird they might be sent for up hither to lay some matters of importance before us, in which if they cou'd not be redress'd they were not able to continue longer in your bounds, we thought ourselves oblig'd to call them up hither; of the twelve only four were sent us, the other being detaind on Acco^{t}. of Debts due to your Hon^{rs}. and other people, this we think a great presumption in M^{r}. Raworth and have now sent Lieut^{t}. Roach down to demand them as you may please to observe in our Letter dated y^{e}. 21st August, but he is not yet return'd; the four that are arrived defer their complaint till the rest come up; they are old Inhabitants of Fort S^{t}. David, that have dwelt under your protection ever since the place was settled, which makes us the more ready to hear their Complaints the Copys of their severall Letters to the President come in the Pacquett N°. 19.

12 of yor. Ft. St. Dd. Merch^{ts}. hav$_{g}$. by sevll. Letters desird to. to come and lay before us some matters of importance we calld for them but Mr. Raworth would send only four, wherefore we hâ dispatchd Lieut^{t} Roach for the rest, who is not yet returnd.

142. We wou'd not let them come up, on Acco^{t}. of the Investment, but that we are assur'd they will do nothing in it till their grievances are redress'd and their Acco^{ts}. settled; besides we think it more your Interest to make a new Contract since nothing is done in the former one made in March last and to agree only for gruff Goods, leaving out their good for nothing Betteelaes, according to your Hon^{rs}. Directions.

We woud not let them come up on Accot. y^{e}. Investm^{t}., but that we know they-'ll do nothing till their grievances are redressd.

143. In our Consultation of the 12th Feb^{ry}. last your Hon^{rs}. will find the Conditions of the sale made of Ship Howland's Cargo, and the Acco^{t}. Outcry comes in the Pacquett N°. 21, we obligd ourselves to send half the quantity of the Tutenague at least to the Bay, by which means the Remainder sold the better here; such a quantity never came in one Ship before.

We obligd ourselves on sale of y^{e}. Howland's Cargo to export half y^{e}. Tutoneg.

144. The Stretham's gruff Cargo was put up to sale here the 10th of July as your Hon^{rs}. will find in our Consultation of that Date, and all things considerd sold very well, the Acco^{t}. of Outcry comes in the packett N° 22, and the Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. of the Voyage, wth. Supr. Cargo's proportions adjusted is Enter'd after Consultation of the 24th August; your Orders relating to said proportions as well as their Commission, shall be carefully complyed wth. and our Accomptant having examin'd their Books made his Report in Consultation of the 28th July, to which we humbly refer you.

The Stretham's Cargo sold very well, the Voy^{a}. is made up we will follow yor. orders concern^{g}. y^{e}. Supr. Cargoes proportions and Commiss^{n}.

145. The Sup^{r} Cargoes aforesaid having consign'd their Cargo hither could not pay themselves their Charges at Batavia where they lay by our Order to wait for the Dutch Fleet, and therefore applied to us in Consultation of the 10th. August giving in an Acc^{t}. amounting to Rix Dollars three hundred Eighty four: 12^{stii}. which we have agreed to pay them wth. some deduction upon M^{r}. Penrice's giving his note to repay it in England, if your Hon^{rs}. do not approve of what we have done.

The supr. Cargoes deliver in an Accot. Charges at Batavia wch. we pay them upon their Note to refund if you disapprove.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING Y^E WEST COAST.

We have advices from ye. Wt. Coast that ye. Success was dispatchd & that they had pepper enuff for the Abingdon.

146. Since what we wrote by the Mary under this head we have rec'd severall Letters from yo^r. Dep^ty. Gov^r. & Councill of York Fort, the last of which is dated the 13^th. May & came to our hands the 5^th of July; the Success was dispatchd before she enterd upon Demorage, and they further assure us that there will be pepper enuff to dispatch the Abingdon before her Demorage commences, these will be convinceing proofs to your Hon^rs. of the Capacity and diligence of your Present Dep^ty. Gov^r. who is universally allowd to have gain'd so much upon the Affection of the Natives by his steady good management and even Temper, that they resign themselves entirely to his good advice, and vie with Each other which shall bring in the greatest quantities of Pepper, and if it pleases God to continue his life, we cannot doubt but the West Coast Settlements will soon be improv'd far beyond whatever they were from the beginning.

The good Effects of ye Prest. D. Gov^rs. managemt. among ye Natives.

They have given you a full Accot. of Affairs & Toddington &ca

147. We observe by the Copys receiv'd that they have wrote your Hon^rs. by the Toddington and Success a very full and ingenious Acco^t. of the condition your Affairs were in when M^r. Collett first arrivd, and of what has been done persuant to your Instructions and Ours to re-establish them; his Conduct has been so regular that we can find no fault with him except in one particular that will be hereafter mentioned.

Mr. Collet has not err'd but in one Article.

Not being able to procure sloops fit for their service we shall write them to get [some] from Batavia. The President is now there & can't be better employd.

148. We have endeavour'd to procure Sloops or small Vessells to send over for the Transportation of Pepper from Port to Port, but have not been able to meet w^th. any fit for that Service, and therefore we shall now write them to purchase one or two at Batavia, where they build so strong w^th. Java Teak that if well lookd after, they will last a great many years, for want of such Sloops, yo^r. Ship President that went over in Aprill 1712 has been detaind ever since upon that Station, and indeed she cou'd not any where else have been better employd, they write that they intend to send her over hither the latter end of the year, and as we can put her to no better use, we shall immediately return her with the most necessary things they write for.

We intend the Frederick thither with a supply of wt. stores are most wanting.

149. In the mean time finding by their Letters that sev^ll. stores are wanting as well as goods to supply the Coast, we have determin'd to send over the Frederick since we have more Shipping upon our hands than we can pretend to dispatch home this Season and if it should so happen that the Gentlemen in Bengall can find an advantageous Employment for two of your Ships in the Country, we do not doubt but the Frederick will be back in Jan^ry. so that we may load her in time to save her passage of which we have advisd them in Bengall that they may take their measures accordingly.

We shall order ye. Frederick to bring wt. Salt petre they have left.

150. Observing by our Letters receivd that they had remaining in Their Godowns One hundred & twenty Tonn of salt petre after the Success was dispatch'd which we hope will be more than sufficient for the Abingdon we have orderd the Frederick to bring away the remainder, since your Hon^rs. write us that the Susanna has her Iron Kentilage, & that such Ships as you send hereafter shall be so provided, if this should succeed the Frederick will be so much the forwarder towards her dispatch when she returns hither.

As also pper. if they have more than will despatch ye. Susanna

151. We have also orderd that if there is more pepper than will serve to dispatch the Susanna before she comes upon Demorage, it shall be put aboard the Frederick to come home by her.

Mr. Yarbrô being very ill has desird leave to return to England. We cond wish there

152. M^r Richard Yarborough who came out second w^th. your Dep^ty. Govern^r. is in so dangerous a Condition that he has desird leave to quitt your Service and return for England, which will be no great disappointment to your Affairs considering his uneasy temper & incapacity for Business; but we could wish there was another or two next in Succession to M^r. Collett of the same

of the same qualifications, least any sudden Accident should happen to him we are sorry to say we cannot supply them from hence so well as we could wish or as that Service requires.

was one or two like Mr. Collet, to succeed in case of an Accident. We cannot supply them from hence as that service requires.

153. Their greatest Complaint is generally for want of writing Assistance, and that serves as an excuse when yo^r. Business is not kept up, to obviate which, we shall take all opportunitys to send over capable persons from hence for a Provision against mortality, because we have observed that when there happens a sickly Season and People drop off a pace, your Business runs so far behind hand before we can supply them, that it is hardly ever brought up again as it should be.

There great complaint is for want of writing assistance where we shall take all opportunitys to supply them.

154. We now send by the Frederick Captain William Wathen, formerly your Gunner at Fort S^t. David, youngest of Councill he has been employed Master and Sup^r. Cargo of Country vessells upon that Coast, and is a sober honest man that will be very usefull in the Fortifications and Buildings which we find must of necessity be gone about w^th. all expedition.

We send p Frederick Capt. Wathen youngest of councill.

155. We likewise send Richard Charlton a very capable writer, and have appointed Cap^t. Richard Phrip whose experience upon that Coast your Hon^rs. are very well acquainted with to set second during his stay there, That he may be the better qualified to give you a true Acc^t. of your Affairs when he returns to England, and if any Accident should have happend to your Dep^ty. Gov^r. (which God forbid) we shall invest him w^th. a power to supervise and settle the Government before he comes away.

We likewise send Richd. Charlton Writer. in case of an Accident to ye. D. Govr. we shall appoint Capt. Phrip to supervise.

156. Your Hon^rs. will have been informd by your West Coast Letters that one Stephen Bailhon formerly Chief of Bantall was dismissd the Service, and sent over hither for his irregular Conduct in that Station, please to be referred to our Consultation of the 13^th Aug^st. for our Reasons why we send him back upon the Frederick, he is indeed very capable and well vers'd in your Affairs.

We send back Stephen Bailhon.

157. We have formerly propos'd to your Hon^rs. that one of your Ships intended for the West Coast, might annually call here, which would be but very little extraordinary charge, and of great Benefit to your Affairs for as we do not know what stores and necessarys you supply them w^th. from England, we may chance to send the same at their request from hence, by which they will be double supplyd and many things may be spoild before they can use them; 'Tis fit likewise we shou'd know w^t. persons you send out and in what Stations, that we may regulate ourselves thereby and not send too many from hence, which will putt you to great charge and inconvenience, if you approve of this method we are sure the service will be better carryed on, and the Ship need not stay here above ten days, but she must sail from England in January or February at farthest.

The great Benefit it will be to yor. Affairs to let one of ye. Wt. Coast Ships call here in her way.

158. Your Hon^rs. will have been inform'd that M^r. Bullard and his wife who came out upon the Abingdon are dead, and have left behind them too young Daughters which are intended to be sent hither by the first conveyance, we would gladly have your Orders what Allowance to make for subsistance to such objects of Charity.

We desire to know wt. allowance to make to ye. orphans of Mr. Bullard.

159. Your Dep^ty. Gov^r. and Councill have sent us a complea[t] Acco^t. of their Stock as it stood the first of Nov^r. 1712, and promise a set of Books by the next Conveyance, which were very near ballancing when our last Letters came away.

Yor. D. Gov & Councill promise a set of Books p next Convey.

We have rec'd from ye. Wt. Coast 3 bags of fans. for wch. they have drawn bills at 16 Dollrs. for 10 Pags. wch. we shall tell them we do not approve because ye. Ex[change] use to be at 17.

160. We have receivd three bags of West Coast fanams by severall Conveyances, for the value of which they have drawn bills upon us at the Rate of 16 Dollrs. to 10 pags. wch. we have complyd wth. but shall write them by the Frederick that we do not approve of their encreasing ye. Exchange, which was formerly 17 Dollrs. to 10 Pags. their reasons for making this alteration are expressd in the 25thparagraph of their Letter to us dated the 13th May.

They have likewise drawn bills on us for Pags. 10704: 7 : at ye. same rate for value rec'd into their Cash, wch. seems to us directly against yor. Orders & therefore we have returnd them protested.

161. We come now to the Article wherein we think your Deputy. Govr. & Councill have exceeded thier Commission by dr[aw]ing Bills upon us as advisd in their Letter of the 13th May payable to severall persons and amounting to Pagod[s]. Ten thousand seven hundred & four, seven fanams, for value receiv'd into their Cash in Dollars, at the rate afor[e]said of 16 Dollars to 10 Pags. we have not your orders to them to govern ourselves by, but upon revising our ow[n] we find in the 93d. Paragr: of your Letter by the Hall[i]fax Anno 1708, you positively order that we shall pa[y] no Bills except such as we have given leave to draw upon us, & you have forbid us giving leave unless your Ships intended thither shou'd have miscarried, or that y[ou] shou'd not have sent any out, and not in [this] case neither except they can give a good Reason for Our supplying th[em] wth. some further limitations; This We think ties up our hands from accepting the forementiond Bills under [the] present circumstances because we gave no such Order[s] to draw & because the Abingdon was newly arrivd and we know the Susanna may be expected wth. a fur[ther] supply, likewise the Ballance of their Cash in the [month] of March was Dollrs. fifty seven thousand three [hun]dred, six fanams & three Cash, wherefore we now send Back the Bills protested by the Frederick.

But we observe in yor. Lre ℔ Susanna you direct us to supply them with Dollars to buy pepper, [T]hô this we take to be meant only when we believe they have not mony enuff to pay for wt. pepper ye country produces.

162. However we must remark that in your 70th paragr by the Susanna Anno 1709, you order us to supply the West Coast so far as we judge fit wth. proper Dollrs not to be lavished away but to buy pepper; this we take to be meant only in case we have reason to believe they are not supplyd from Europe wth: Cash enuff to pay for what pepper the Country produces, and this is the construction we shall put upon that Order untill your Honrs: shall think fit to contradict it.

The inconveniencies that may attend yor. Affairs in keeping too strictly to this order.

163. At the same time that we have protested these Bills according to the Letter of your Orders, we beg leave to lay before you the inconveniences that may attend yor: Affairs hereafter if this Order must be taken in the Strictest Sence; as it now happens that the pepper Trade is considerably encreasd, and great quantitys come tumbling in upon them, if their cash should fall short The Natives would be discouragd, and endeavour to divert what they have left upon their hands into another channell, for want of ready mony: When their Cash does fall short it is very seldom that they can be supplyd by Bills, and therefore tis absolutely necessary to take the mony when they can get it; if they must wait for Orders from hence, it may often happen (for want of Conveyance) that they can not have an answer in a twelve month, which no Body will wait for that can help it and so that opportunity is lost. In short we suppose these orders were given when you did not think your West Coast servants fit to be trusted further than from hand to mouth: but now you have a good man at the head of

your Affairs, it wou'd be pitty his hands shou'd be tied for want of mony, or that the present warm inclinations of the Natives to plant and bring in pepper shou'd be sufferr'd to cool by not having Doll[rs]: in your Cash to take it in.

164. We must further add that the Major part of the amount of the Bills now drawn is on Acco[t]: of deceas'd Persons Effects, on whom your Hon[rs]: have no demands, part of the remainder is what M[r] Collett orderd to be remitted home at Respondentia for the maintainance of his family in England, a thing not to be done upon that Coast, and part of it is to pay what your President lent him here, that he might go w[th]: a light heart to the head of your Affairs, yet he chooses rather to protest the Bills than break thrô your standing Orders; But we think it highly necessary to permitt by the Frederick that they may take in the Estates of deceased Persons and give bills after their Acco[ts]: with your Hon[rs]: are cleard, otherwise the mony will be sunk by mortalit[y] in private hands, and discourage any people in good circumstances from ever going upon that Service, we hope for your Approvall of what we have done, & plain Directions how to behave ourselves hereafter in such like cases.

[. .] mony y[e] Amo[t] of these bills [. . .]

We think it highly necessary to permit by Frederick that dece[d]. persons Estates may be taken in & bills drawn.

165. A small Vessell goes usually every year from Bengall and another from this Coast to trade along the Coast of Sumatra, but we may venture to assure you that no[t] a Candy of Pepper has been imported here in return for severall years, & we never heard of any Carried to Benga[li].

A small Vessell goes yearly from the Bay & another from hence to trade on Sumatra but bring back no pepper.

166. When the President arrives we shall be able to give your Hon[rs]: a further Acco[t]: of your West Coast Affairs.

When y[e] Presid[t]. arrives we shall say more.

SUPPLEMENT OF WHAT OMITTED IN THE FOREGOING AND WHAT OCCURRD SINCE. & FIRST OF SHIPPING.

167. We advisd your Hon[rs]: in our 20[th] paragraph that yo[ur] Generall & Councill at Bombay had let the Sommers ou[t] on a Voyage to Persia Bengall and Surat, she arrivd here from Persia the 8[th] August and proceeded from Bengall the 2[th] in[st] w[th]. the Seperate Ship Joseph in her Company.

The Sommers being let out to freight arrivd here y[e] 8th Ulto. & saild with y[e] Joseph y[e] 8th inst. [for the] Bay.

168. Your Ship Recovery arriv'd here from Persia y[e] 27[th] U[lt.°] & brou[t]: us a supply of Syrash Wine, fruit &ca: and had deliverd what frieght goods she had aboard for this [port] saild for Bengall the 9[th] instant.

The Recovery arrivd here from Persia y[e] 27th Ulto. bringing us some wine &ca & saild for Bengall y[e] 9th inst.

169. On the 28[th] Ult[o]: we dispatched your Ship Hannover for Bengall with Nineteen Chests containing One hundred thirty three thousand Rupees to compleat the Stock orderd them this Season.

On y[e] 28th Ulto. ship Hanover saild for Bengall w[th]. 133000 Rups.

170. Your Ship Frederick Cap[t] Richard Phrip comm[dr]: saild the 5[th] ins[t]: for the West Coast w[th]: a supply of one hundred Bales of proper goods & Stores for those Settlem[ts] and necessary Directions for the Management of yo[r]: Affairs as your Hon[rs]: may please to observe in our Letter Book sent No. 58.—

The Frederick saild for y[e] w[t] Coast y[e] 5th. inst. w[th]. a supply of stores &ca.

171. We have receivd of Cap[t]: William Upton Comm[dr]: of the London twenty two Soldiers belonging to the Garrison of Bombay, who he says were conceald on board his Ship without his knowledge, and not discover'd till he came out to sea; we shall advise the Generall and Councill of it and follow their Directions concerning y[m].

We have recd of Capt. Upton 22 Soldiers belonging to Bombay whom he says came aboard w[th]. [ou]t his knowledge.

LIBRARY OF THE BOMBAY

The Duke of Cambridge was met [near] Zeloan & we hear of ye Success being well at Mocho.

172. The Shaalem that arrivd here yesterday from Bombay met Capt: Arlond in the Duke of Cambridge near Zeloan, and by a Vessell from Mocho we have news of your Ship Success being well arrivd there; but the Country is involvd in a troublesome war, which will undoubtedly prove a great hindrance to their dispatch.

SECONDLY AS TO GOODS &CA.

[The] Stationary Ware is still worse [than] ever partic^{rly}. ye Paper.

173. We are sorry we have still occasion to complain of the Stationary ware sent us, which comes out this year worse than ever, and particularly the Paper is so very bad, that we cannot find enuff for common use that will bear Ink and what to do for our books that are the most materiall Articles of all we do not know.

Essay Masters report yt ye Crn[sadoes] Dwts. come out 4 worse yn. [sta]ndard we have allowd [only] Dwts 3.

174. In our Consultation of the 6th of Augst yo^{r} Hon^{rs} may please to observe the Report made by your Essay masters that the Crusadoes come out 4 Dwts: worse than standard, we have agreed that only 3 Dwts: be allowd them, and send in the packett a piece cut off of a parcell promiscuously melted, both for our and their Justification.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS.

Capt. Roach returnd wth. ye. Merchts. that desird leave to come up we shall acqut. yor. Hon. wth. their complaint in our Next.

175. We advisd your Hon^{rs}: in our 140th Paragr̃: that we had sent Lieu^{t}: Roach to Fort S^{t}. David to bring up the rest of those Merchants that had desir'd permission to come hither; accordingly he return'd wth as many of them as were able to perform the Journey, but we have been oblig'd to deferr the Examination of their Complaints, till after this Ship is sail'd; and shall be sure to give your Hon^{rs}. a full Acco^{t}. in our next.

FOURTHLY AS TO TRADE &CA.

The Duan has sent us anoth^{r}. Messa. for the Villages, & we have promisd a small present to his Sec^{ry}. if we receive no trouble.

176. Your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe in the 84th paragr̃ of this Letter that the Duan our Subah had sent a Perwanna to demand Egmore &ca Villages, and our Resolutions thereupon, he has since sent us another message in more pressing Terms, which we have endeavourd to stave off in hopes of his speedy removall, however have thought it necessary to promise a small present to his Sec^{ry}. if we receive no molestation on this Acco^{t} in the meantime we keep a party lodgd in Egmore to prevent any sudden Surprize.

The Metchlepm. Merchts. are come up, we deferr their Business till this ship is gone.

177. Since writing out 92^{d} paragr̃. the new companys Metchlepatam Merch^{ts}. arriv'd here, we deferr setting leave about Business till this ship is sail'd, and beg leave again to assure you that whatever we do therein shall be with the greatest Integrity & Regard to your Hon^{r}. and Interest, but they now face us wth. assurances they have receiv'd from England, that your Hon^{rs}. have order'd them to be fully satisfyed with Principall and Interest, which we assure them is not so.

SIXTHLY AS TO FACTORS WRITERS &CA.

Francis Barnard Writer dying intestate ye. Paym^{r}. has taken care of his Effects.

178. On the 25th. August dyed Francis Barnard Writer, who leaving no Will, the Paymaster took care of what Little he had according to Custom, and dispos'd of it at publick Outcry, an Acco^{t}. whereof shall come by the next Ship.

We have discharg'd Ensign Heydon to go Capt. Phrip's Doctor.

179. Capt. Richard Phrip Comm^{dr}. of the Frederick representing in Consultation of the 2^{d}. ins^{t}. that having no Surgeon and being bound on an unhealthly Voyage, his people wou'd be dishearten'd, we consented to discharge Ensign Samuell Heydon, who came out on the Hannov^{r}. at his request, and proves a better Surgeon than a Soldier.

SEVENTHLY, ACCOUNTS.

180. We advis'd your Hon^rs^. in our 136 paragr. of this Letter that M^r^. Raworth's Attornys had paid in the ballance of his Acco^t^. but on perusing of his Acco^t^. Curr^t^. we find our Accomptant had omitted to debt him for the Moiety of the Ballance due from him and William Martin Warehousekeep^rs^. care is taken, that Error shall be rectifyed and the money made good to your Cash.

Our Accompt^t^. had omitted to debt M^r^. Raworth for ½ of y^e^. Ball^ce^ due from him & Wm. Martin Warehouse keep^s^. y^e^. Errorr shall be rectified & y^e^. money made good.

181. Pursuant to your Orders we have paid the Sup^r^. Cargoes of Ship Stretham what they are concernd in that stock and drawn Bills of Exchange dated the 10^th^. ins^t^. for their Commission payable at thirty days sight to the undermentiond Persons or their Order.

To M^r^. James Penrice for	£	1,101 :	5 :	2½
To Mess^rs^. Guy, W^m^. & Lionell Vane for	„	786 :	12 :	3¼
To Richard Gough Esq^r^. for Acco^t^. of Cap^t^. Harry Gough	„	629 :	5 :	10

We have paid y^e^. Supr. Cargoes of Stretham their concern in y^t^. stock & drawn bills for their Commission.

182. M^r^. Edmund Mountague who has been an old Serv^t^. of your Hon^rs^. takes his passage upon this Ship, as does also M^r^. James Penrice who has registerd a Bulse of Diamonds on this Ship to the Amo^t^. of his concern in the Strethams Stock pursuant to your Orders.

Mr. Mountague goes home on this Ship [as] also Mr. Penrice having register'd Diamonds to y^e^. Amo^t^. of his concern in y^e^. Stretham.

183. Cap^t^. William Upton has also register'd some goods, which he has taken on board his Ship, an Acco^t^. whereof comes in the pacquett N^o^. 28; so wishing this Ship a safe arrivall with your Hon^rs^. and prosperity to your Affairs in Generall both at home and Abroad, we beg leave to assure you that

An Accot. of wt. Capt. Upton has register'd comes in y^e^. Packet.

We are
Hon^ble^. S^rs^.
Yo^r^. most faithfull hum^ble^. Serv^ts^.

EDWARD HARRISON.
THOMAS FREDERICK.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE
SEPTEMB^R^. Y^E^. 16^TH^. 1713.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO THE HON^BLE^. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP LONDON CAP^T^. WILL^M^. UPTON COMM^DR^.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated the 16^th^. of September 1713.
2. Copy Ditto ℔ Ship Howland dated 4^th^. Feb^ry^. $17\frac{12}{13}$.
3. Copy of Ship Howlands Invoice Amo^tg^. to Pag^s^. 104885 : 11 : 62.
4. Second Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
5. Copy Mess^rs^. Frederick and Benyon's report of the Warehouse Ballance, w^th^. the annex'd Acco^t^. Curr^ts^.

No. 6. Copy of the Register of Diamonds laden on Ship Howland.
7. Copy List of the Howlands packett.
8. Acco^{t}. of Ships their Arrivall at and departure from Fort S^{t}. George.
9. Surgeons of Ships King William, Hanover and Frederick their Receipts for head mony.
10. Cap^{t}. Gough's Receipt for his Charterparty mony.
11. Maddapollam Yatch's Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}.
12. Abstract of the Hon^{ble}. Companys Revenue to y^{e}. Ult^{o}. Augst. 1713.
13. Acco^{t}. of what goods sent to and rec'd from Bengall Anno. 1713.
14. List of Covenanted Servants and Inhabitants in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell.
15. List of Marriages, Christenings and Burialls in Fort S^{t}. George, 1713.
16. List of the first Company of Soldiers in Fort S^{t}. George.
17. List of the Second Ditto in Ditto.
18. List of the Gunroom Crew in Ditto
19. Translate of Sev^{ll}: Letters from y^{e} F^{t} S^{t} David Merch^{ts}: to y^{e} Hon^{ble}. Presid^{t}:
20. Copy of M^{r} Matthew Weld's Acco^{t}: Curr: as stated at Fort S^{t}. David.
21. Outcry Acco^{t}: of Ship Howlands China Cargo.
22. Ditto of Ship Stretham's . . . . Ditto.
23. Ditto of the Remains in the Warehouse of Fort S^{t}. George.
24. Acco^{t}: Remains in Ditto Warehouse to the last of Augst. 1713.
25. The Sup^{r} Cargos of the Stretham their Expences at Batavia.
26. M^{r} Penrice his note to refund what paid him on that Account in case the Company shall not agree to it.
27. Register of Diamonds upon Ship London.
28. List of Goods register'd by Cap^{t}. Upton.
29. Muster of the Crusadoes in the Box apart.
30. List of the Pacquett.

List of Books Viz^{t}:

Consultations & Diarys	...	...	Commencing p^{mo} Jan^{ry}: 17$\frac{1}{13}$. Concluding 24th Augst 1713.
Letters Receivd	...	...	Commencing P^{mo}: Jan^{ry}: 17$\frac{1}{13}$. Concluding 25th Augst 1713.
Letters Sent	...	...	Commencing 2^{d} Jan^{ry}: 17$\frac{1}{13}$. Concluding 14th Sep^{r} 1713.

Country Letters receivd & Sent to y^{e} 5th Sept^{r} 1713.
Copy of the Old Companys Charter to Madrassap^{tn}:
Journall & Liedger of Ship Stretham's China Cargo.
Cash Account to the last of August 1713.

General letter from Fort Saint George to the Company per Marlborough. January 19, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol.* 3, *pp.* 195–241.]

[℔] Ship Marlborough [Capt.] Matt^{w}. Martin

To the Hon^{BLE}. y^{E} Court of Directors for Affairs of the R^{T}: Hon^{BLE}: United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

Hon^{ble}: S^{rs}.

[The] last was ℔ y^{e} London We shall now nswer

1. Our last to Your Hon^{rs}. was by Ship London Cap^{t}. William Upton under the 16th. of Septemb^{r}. Duplicate of which comes herewith; the said Ship saild hence on the 18th. and in all likelyhood will bring you an Early Acco^{t}. of your Affairs under this Presidency. We are now to Answer those particulars of your Letter

by this years Shipping that were omitted in our last, and to give you an Acco^{t}. of your Shipping and other matters under our Care, which we shall do as briefly as possible, having occasion to enlarge on a very unpleasing Subject that will take us up all the time we at pre[sent] have to spare, and the Scene lying at Fort S^{t}. David, we beg leave to deviate a little from your Prescrib'd method in making use of a particular head for an Affair of so much consequence, which we are desirous to lay before you in y^{e} plainest and clearest manner, that you may have a full View of what has happen'd without any thing else to intervene.

those [parts] of yor Letter omitted before [We] have occasion to make Use [of a] new Head.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

2. On the 6th. Ult^{o}. the ffrench Ship S^{t}. John Baptist that brought out Gov.D' Ulivier arrivd Pontichery from Mergen at which place she has careen'd and fitted and is now taking in her loading for France, but we are of Opinion she will wait the Arrivall of those in Bengall and that they will all proceed in Company together for fear of the Dutch.

[On] ye 6th Ult^{o}. arrivd ye St. Jno. Baptist at Pontichery, who we [be]lieve will wait ye arrivall [h]er Comrades from Bengall [and] proceed in Compa.

3. We have had no Dutch Ships upon this Coast since July, nor have the Danes had any Ship from Europe for these three Seasons past, which has reduc'd them to very great necessitys insomuch that they are hardly able to Subsist.

No Dutch Ship on ye Coast since July, & no Danish Ship these three years

4. This Ship Marlbrô arrivd with us from Bengall the 22^{d} Ult^{o}. having on board her Charty party Kentilage and six hundred Bales for Europe, also thirteen hundred forty Eight bags of Petre with wheat, packing Stuff, and other Stores for this place, all which we shou'd have taken ashore had not the Cap^{t}. made a Demand of Six hundred forty Eight Bags of Petre more for the Security of his Ship, in Consultation of the 24th Ult^{o}. the said Demand comes in the packett No^{d}. (25) we had much rather your President & Councill in the Bay had supply'd Cap^{t}. Martin wth. his full quantity of Kentilage being under some apprehension that we shall not have enuff to send you a large Ship in September next, however we think so rich a Cargo as this cannot be too well secured.

This Ship arrivd here ye 22^{d} Ult^{o}. wth. Petre, Wheat &ca for ye place The Capt. demanded 648 bags more of petre for ye Security of his Ship

5. Our Bengall Letters inform us that they will dispatch the King William the last Ship directly home from thence after having sent the Stretham & Recovery with a poor quantity of Bales to fill up here, God be praisd we are now ready to compleat their Loading and make no doubt but we shall be able to send you the Frederick in time to save her passage about the Cape, provided she arriv['s] here by the 20th of Jan^{ry}.

How they intend to dispose of the Shipping in Bengall

6. Since we wrote our 12th Paragr by the London concerning the Repartition of your Cargoes, we find occasion to [add] that if your Presid^{t}. and Councill in the Bay do not se[nd] their Bales up in March, we cannot send them any down upon your Ships by the South West Monsoon without disabling ourselves from sending you home a Septemb^{r}. Ship.

Relating to the Repartition of Cargoes

7. Your Ship President still continues on the West Coast Service and we have receivd no Acco^{t} of her Expence; the Maddapollam Yatch is dayly expected from Ingeram, & shall be kept employ'd so as to earn her charges.

The Ship Presid^{t}. continues on the Wt Coast, ye Madda-pollam dayly expected here.

The stocks of this place yt came thro ye Streights of Malacca are about 1/4 in proportion to yours wch is paid into Cash.

8. As we promisd your Hon^{rs}. in our 27th parā by the London we have computed the value of what came thrô the Streights of Malacca last Season, belonging to our Inhabitants and find it to bear nearest a quarter part in proportion wth. yo^{r}. two China Cargo's accordingly the proprietors have paid it into your Cash and we hope you will be able to recover the principall wth. at least the Usuall Respondentia from Cap^{t}. Ried.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

The Gold & Silver Thread will not sell, wherefore we desire [you] will forbear sending We will try it at publick Sale when the Shipping comes in

9. We are first to acquaint your Hon^{rs}: that the Gold & Silver thread lies by and will not sell for near Invoice price, the Market is glutted both here and in Bengall, and the only way to bring the price up again is to forbear sending for a year or two, what we received this year was a little tarnish'd and will grow worse by keeping wherefore we shall dispose of it at publick sale when the Country Shipping comes in.

Embossd cloth not so much in esteem as formerly We desire it may be wth. out borders & only of two colours the ground red.

10. The Embossd Cloth of this year is very good of the kind, but not so much in esteem as formerly, there is no fear however but we shall dispose of it somehow or other to good Advantage before the next Shipping arrives. We now desire good part may be only flowerd without borders, and only of two Colours, which is chiefly for covering to Elephants. We are likewise very much pressd for Scarlet grounds with green, white or gold colourd flowers, but never more than one colour besides the ground. If this shou'd grow into wea[r] for covering Elephants it may in time greatly encrease the Consumption.

We disposd of 700 bales brd. Cloth at 45 ℔Ct. upon makg. a new Investment

11. In our last we advis'd your Hon^{rs}. what a large quantity of Broad cloth we had upon our hands with the Reasons: It was the 3^{d}. of Novemb^{r}. before we cou'd prevail with our Merchants to doe any thing, and then your President being call'd away for Fort St. David there was a Necessity of agreeing an Investment before his departure, all the goods due upon the last Agreement being measur'd into the washers hands; This opportunity we made use of, and struck up a Bargain for Seven hundred Bales at forty five ℔Cent upon Invoice as will appear in our Consultation of the 3^{d}. of Novemb^{r}. to which we must beg to refer you for our Reasons why we made the abatement rather than keep such a Load damaging in our Godowns when in seven months more we must expect a large and fresh Supply.

We can make no remarks on the quality of the Cloth, because the Merchts. recd these 700 bales wth. out opening We have 304 bales Reds remg. wch. is the reason we write for so few now.

12. These Seven hundred Bales being deliverd without so much as opening one of them, and no objection on the Merchants side, we have no opportunity for remarks upon the quality of The Severall Species, and therefore shall only add, that of what remains in the Godowns three hundred and four Bales are Reds and till we have a supply of Greens by the next Shipping, we shall be able to put few or none of them off; the Reds are at Present very much out of Demand and therefore we desire no more than fifty Bales till we see next year how the humour held what we have by us, what we wrote for last Year and the few we now demand will be full as many as we can dispose of before the worm gets among them.

The Bay writing us for mony we offerd them 300 bales brod. [c]loth, to wch. they have given no answer, but Mr. Russell says the Broker wont consent.

13. However your President and Councill in Bengall having wrote us under the 26th. of June as you may please to observe in the Book of letters receivd N^{o}. (92) for a supply of mony to defray the Charges of the Present, thô for Reasons given them in our answer of the 28th. Sept^{r}. we cou'd not assist them with Cash, yet we made them an offer of three hundred Bales of Broad Cloth, to w^{ch}. they have not hitherto thought fit to return any answer, but Gov^{r}. Russell tells us the Broker will not give his Consent.

14. Your Hon^rs. may please to observe we make a large Demand of Auroras, which are very much in esteem, and will be a considerable Article in your Export, if the dye can be a little brighter they will be more acceptable, our ordinary Red Perpetuanos are at Present quite out of demand, and therefore we desire only fine Scarlet and Popinjays.

Auroras much in Esteem

Perpetuances Red out of demd.

15. The oyl and pickles you were pleasd to send us this year were either so carelessly put up in England or so roughly handled aboard Ship that great part of them came ashore broken and Spoil'd, one pipe of Mountain was two thirds out, the others full, sound and good, of the Beer seven Puncheons were sower, the rest very good, and as for the fflorence Wine in Bottles, not being able to say much in the praise of it, we only desire the next may be better or that you will please to let us furnish ourselves out of the French Ships here, that brought us large quantitys of Excellent Claret this Season at fifty Pag^s. ℔ hogshead and next year it will undoubtedly be cheaper.

Concerning ye. Factors provisns. sent out this year.

We desire to supply ourselves [w]th. Claret from Pontichery.

16. The rich Saddles were a little tarnish'd by putting the Le[a]ther work, that is to say the Stirrips, bridles holsters &ca in the same box w^th. the Embroidery that shoud have been apart, because they give in the passage over, and we are of opinion that well dried flannell is better to secure Gold & Silver Embroidery &ca. than paper, with which these were pack'd.

The rich Saddles a little tarnishd thrô ill package.

17. We are at Present a little glutted with Iron and the price of lead is rising, for which reason we encrease our demands of the latter & abate of the former.

The price of Iron falls, & of Lead rises.

18. The Velvets if well chosen bright colours and reasonably cheap will turn to very good Advantages.

Velvets will turn to Accot.

19. We find the Tarr to come out much worse in these large Casks, than it us'd to do in the usuall Barrels, and believe if care be taken to drive on good Iron hoops very well upon them, there will not be so much leakage in the true Tarr barrels as in this new package.

The Tar came out better in ye. usuall barrils than this new package.

20. In our last we complaind of the badness of the paper sent us, we are now to advise that the package was not at all conformable to the Invoices, neither in that sent for the use of your Factorys, nor in that which came for sale, as by the Storekeepers Acco^t. of what receivd, which comes, in the Packet N°. (29) we use more paper than ordinary because We oblige the Warehousekeep^r. Sea Customer, Storekeep^r. &ca: to Deliver in Duplicates of their Books to be lodg'd in the Accomptant's Office which was not formerly done, and therefore hope you will supply us with paper according to the list of Demands now sent: what we have hitherto sold has been for fifty ℔Cent advance upon Invoice.

Neither ye. Paper for use or sale came out according to Invo.

We use more than formerly so desire to be supplyd as ℔ List

What sold has been for 50 ℔Ct.

21. The long Saker Guns sent us this year are the best we have in the Garrison, and the reason why we demand so many more is, that what we have not occasion for will sell to very good Advantage; none of the small Guns sent us are of a length for field pieces, if you please to send us a few such as are us'd with detachments from the Camp they may be very usefull upon Occasion.

the Saker Guns ye. best in ye. Garrn. w^t. we dont want we can sell well

None of ye. small Guns long enuff for field pieces, a few of wch. woud be usefull.

22. Our Storekeeper's List is drawn according to your Directions in the 59^th paragr: and we do take all possible Care that no Stores lye by till they are spoild.

The Storekeep^rs. list drawn accords. [to] Direction.

23. What little cannon powder we do write for annually is absolutely necessary for any extraordinary Service, what we make here is considerably cheaper and serves very well for Salutes but there is a vest difference when we have occasion to fire in earnest.

The canon powder we write [for] absolutely necessry.

The Screws not coming, a great disappointmt. we have but one pr. & those good for little.

24. The Screws not coming is a very great disappointment, for we have none but one pair, and they are good for little, we have tried all sorts of wood, but find none that will doe, & if you please to send us a pair made after the manner your workmen like best, undoubtedly they will perform better than our modell that was made here by a Smith that came among us by chance.

We are of opinion Mr. Gumley sent no looks. glasses, wt. we received for yor. Acco . wont sell & they spoil in lying by.

25. We have heard nothing of M^r^. Gumlys consignment of looking glasses and therefore are humbly of Opinion that after he had prevaild with your Hon^rs^. to send a few for you^r^. own Acco^t^. he considerd better and kept his at home, we find no manner of vent for what we receivd these two last years, and lying by in the Godowns any considerable time spots them so that they are not fit for Service.

The Ft. St Dd. Merch^ts^. & Chief dubash beg pardon of ye. Presidt. for having been obligd by threats &ca. to declare before Mr. Bullock, that we forcd ye. brod. Cloth from for private Ends, & other falsities of ye. like Nature.

26. Before we conclude this head we find ourselves oblig'd to acquaint your Hon^rs^. that when your President was lately at Fort S^t^. David, the Merchants and Chief dubash came and beg'd his pardon for having been prevaild on by severe threatening to declare in the presence of M^r^. Joseph Bullock that we took the broad Cloth out of their hands and gave it our Merchants for private advantages of our own ; with severall other Notorious falsitys of the same kind, and extorted from them in the same manner, by threatening to pistol them if they did not answ^r^. yes and no to such questions as M^r^. Raworth demanded of them ; all which were wrote down and a Copy given them the night before.

Some unjust insinuations of Mr. Bullocks laid ye. foundation of wt. has since happend. but we hope such dark contrivances will not prevent our just Actions being duely enquired into

27. Tis not hard for us to guess what wicked use is intended to be made of such dark and unhandsome practises in England by that honest Gentleman M^r^. Bullock, who when he was at Fort S^t^. David laid the foundation of all the Trouble and mischief that has since happend at that Settlement by perswading M^r^. Raworth that he was independant and that we had no power to turn him out, and that by appealing to a Superiour Court in England he might have restitution of the mony we obligd him to refund into your Cash on Acco^t^. of the Warehouse &ca. last year ; we can't easily believe our fair and just proceedings will be condemn'd without an impartiall enquiry, especially when Such trains as these are laid and sent home unknown to us, for at that rate no man can be secure be their Actions never so upright.

Thirdly Touching Investments in India.

We coud not bring our Merch^ts^. to a new agreemt. for 500 bales upon ye same ter.s wth. ye. foregoe. contract till ye. 3d. Novr. last. They desird to supply us as it cost them at ye. loom wth. Interest only on their mony. No private persons can invest so cheap as we do nor indeed can they get ye. Goods

28. The Agreement we made here in Novemb^r^. last was twelve mo^s^. for 1200 bales to be ready by the latter end of Sep^r^. was so well complied with that all the Cloth was deliverd the washers by the beginning of Octob^r^. yet thô we us'd our Utmost Endeavours as will appear upon our Consultations, we cou'd not bring our Merch^ts^. to a new Agreement for five hundred Bales more upon the same terms to be ready in all January before the 3^d^. of Nov^r^. when your President was setting out for Fort S^t^. David, and then we do assure yo^r^. Hon^rs^. they beg'd us very heartily to let them deliver in the Cloth as they purchase it from the loom allowing them only the Common Interest for their mony; we shou'd think ourselves very happy in bringing down the prizes to your Satisfaction, but all we can do at present is to keep the Merchants up to the Musters and every body that comes from hence ought to be so just to acknowledge that no private person can invest his mony so cheap nor so well in Longcloth and Sallampores as your's is done nor indeed is there any quantity to be procur'd.

29. As soon as we had heard the Complaints of the Fort S^{t}. David Merchants after the London was saild, and found that we must be forc'd to change hands at that place, least an[y] time should be lost we immediately made an Agreement with them and sent some of them away to provide goods, as will appear in perusing our Consultation of the 25th Sept^{r}. & in Consultation of the 22^{d}. Novmb^{r}. you may please to observe that we deliverd them the torn Cloth wrote of in our last, that has been the occasion of so much trouble & dispute which they very willingly receivd back obliging themselves to deliver us good Cloth in lieu of it.

When we had heard ye. Ft. St. Dd. Merch^{ts}. complaints, we enterd upon a new agreemt. They readily receive back the torn cloth to give us good in [lieu]

30. We send by this Ship some fine Betteelaes of two & three Covids for a triall, which if the Markett holds up we dare believe will answer your expectation, being such as you were pleasd to recommend in your 69th parã by this years Shipping.

We now send some fine Betteelaes of 2 & 3 covds. for a tryal.

31. What more offers under this head shall be added by the last Ship we dispatch, which in all likelyhood will be the Frederick from Fort S^{t}. David; your Merchants bring in goods apace there since they are deliver'd from persecution; but that will come in properly under another head.

Wt. more offers under this head shall be added by ye. last Ship wch. we think will be ye. Frederick.

Fourthly Touching the Trade of India in Generall, & therein any Transactions wth. the Country Government.

32. Since our last nothing has happend worthy your Notice in the Country Trade it being the dead time of the year & no shipping yet come in; but according to our promise we are to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that our Ship from Mocho brought back good part of her Cargo that cou'd not be disposd of at any price by Reason of the war between the two contending Kings, however what was sold turnd to very good Acco^{t}.

Our Mocho Ship brot. back good part of her Cargo.

33. In our 80th. paragraph by the London we promisd a full Narrative from M^{r}. Hastings &ca. of the Debts due to M^{r}. Holcombe, which your Hon^{rs}. will now find in the Book of Letters receivd under date of the 5th. of Nov^{r}. N^{o}. (162) they seem very much surpriz'd it shou'd be wrote you from hence, that the debts were good and easily recoverable when the Acco^{t}. with Fuckerla Cawn was settled and have sent us an extract out of their Letters to this Board upon that Subject of which we send a Copy in the packet N^{o}. (30) the work we have had upon our hands wou'd not permit us hitherto to give this Affair a thorô Examination, but M^{r}. Hastings has promis'd his utmost Endeavours to recover what is practicable, and we shall not fail to refresh his memory by all convenien[t] Opportunitys; undoubtedly the Charges of that Unhappy dispute at Vizagapatam are justly due from M^{r}. Holcombe's Estate and whenever any thing is recover'd it shall be carried to that Acco^{t}. we have rec'd from the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. George Lewis four hundred seventeen Pag^{s}. three fanams & thirty Cash the Ballance of what came into his hands by the decease of M^{r}. Holcombe's Widow as appears in our Consultation of the 6th. of Novem^{r}. which Sum was the produce of her Outcry of moveables &ca. after very reasonable funerall Charges deducted.

We send in ye. Packet a Narra[t]ive relating to ye. debts due to Mr. Holcombe.

Mr. Hastings promises to recovr. wt. practicable.

wt. is got shall be carried to yor. Accot. Mr. Lewis has pd in Pag^{s}. 417:3:30: ye. ballce. of wt. ye. widow Holcombe left.

34. The Metchlepatam Merchants have continued here ever since our last in Expectation of their whole Debt being dischargd as we have already acquainted You, after severall Disputes we agreed to Offer them their principall Sum, with assurances that we neither cou'd nor wou'd exceed it, we beg leave to refer you to our Consultation of the 25th. of Septemb^{r}. for what passd between us and the said Merchants; they st[ill] insist that without the principall Sum and interest due they cannot satisfye their Creditors at Metchlepatam and consequently must forsake their habitations for ever & be ruin'd, they further add that they have full

The Metchlepm Merchts. continue here, we have offerd them princip^{ll}. but they insist on that with interest Mr; Daven-

port can inform you wt. pains we have taken, & wt a fair way we were in before yor. Orders arrivd, but wch. appears positive we shall end it as well as we can. touching a promise formerly made by those that had ye. managemt. of this affair.

assurances we have receivd orders to pay the whole Debt: Mr. Davenport that comes by this conveyance will fully inform your Honrs. what pains we have already taken and what a fair way we were in to conclude it before the last Shipping arriv'd; your Orders now before us are very positive to end it as well and as soon as we can, and the originall Letter to Cojah Babba d[eceased] Sultanum mentiond in our last, expresses that you have given us Orders to pay them what is justly their due, by all which we conclude that you are under some uneasiness till this Business is ended, and therefore we cannot be easie [till] it is done, the only Remora in our way is the promise for [it] made You by those to whom you entrusted the Management, with which we heartily wish they had comply'd and cannot comprehend what good reasons they cou'd give for not doing it upon such advantageous Terms; we look upon it a great misfortune to us that we have no prospect of serving you so well as those Gentlemen propos'd but it is our duty to obey your Orders and we will end it as well as possible before the last Ship is dispatch'd if to be done upon such terms that we can hope for your Approbation.

We are advisd from Bengall of great difficulties they met wth. in bringing down their salt petre Boats.

35. Our last Advices from Bengall give an Accot. of great Difficultys in bringing down your Salt petre &ca. from Patna, they have been oblig'd to send up strong partys of Soldiers to convoy the Boats and some Skirmishes have happen'd with the forces of a potent Rajah that lyes in the way, wherein severall of our people were killd and wounded but the Boats got all safe to Calcutta; your Honrs. will undoubtedly have a full Accot. of these matters from your President and Councill and from Mr. Russell that comes home by this Ship, for which reason we need not enlarge.

We may hope for some Remedy to those Evils from our Present The well doing whereof depends [upon] ye. persons attending it.

36. A Remedy to these unhappy disturbances may be hop'd for from your present now ready to be sent forward to the Mogulls Court, we have contributed our best Advices but the good of the whole depends entirely upon the Persons to whom the management is intrusted, and we do not yet find it is positively determin'd who they are to be, but Mr. Russell will best inform you what measures were agreed on before he left the place.

Our Duan being confirmed we were obligd to make a present.

37. In the 85th. parã. of our last we advisd that our old Villages has been demanded of us as part of Zulphakur Cawn's Jaggier, and the means we us'd to secure them; it was then universally expected that the Duan our Subah woud have fallen amongst the rest of Zulphakur's friends, but he has bout. his peace and is reestablishd in his Employ wth. an encrease of Dignity, upon wch. all our Europe Neighbours according to Custom made their usuall presents, and the Demands for the aforesaid Villages being renew'd we forbore our Addresses till we got assurances that ye. Duan woud give us no further disturbance in our Affairs in the mean time we lodg'd our Present amounting to about five hundred Pags. privately in Sunca Rama's hands at Arcot, who negociated this Affair, very much to our Advantage and disswaded the Duan from coming to St. Thoma or else your President cou'd not have gone with any safety to Fort St. David.

The manner & Consequences of it.

Touching ye. Bengall Expeditions to Maldivia.

38. In our Letter by Ship Dartmouth we gave your Honrs. Advises of the Maldivia Expedition, and we find by your Letter now before us, you have so good an Accot. of the undertaking that there is little or nothing materiall for us to add, Mr. Welden set it afoot and Mr. Russell now coming home carried on the Second equipment; they have paid dearly for the project as he is well able to inform you; That many of the Seamen were intic'd away from your Ships is not to be doubted, but whether the Soldiers were taken off your guard we cannot justly say, we have been told great part of them were Dutch men; the old King of Maldivia is gone up to demand Succour of the Mogull by means of Zoodee Cawn, and we are of Opinion our Gentlemen in the Bay are not at all dispos'd for a third Expedition.

The old King is gone to beg Succour of ye. Mogull

39. We humbly thank your Hon^{rs}. for your Condescention in answering what we wrote touching the private trade between Bengall and this place; It has been allow'd by all disinterested Persons then in Bengall, that the generous Liberty you were pleased to grant the free Traders upon the union occasion'd that unjust complaint against M^{r}. Petty and other[s] for making use of your Distock to load the Seperate Ship and for raising the prizes of goods by their unskillfullness, whereby those that made that complaint carried their point and brought all the Business into their own hands. We are very sure we can propose no methods nor regulation[s] to the Gentlemen in the Bay upon this head that wou'd be acceptable, because it is their Interest to disapprove them and therefore to avoid entering into disputes with them to the prejudice of your Affairs we have only desird them in ours of the 27th. of August to give you their real Settiments upon the Matter, that you may have a Specimen of their Sincerity; In the mean time we do assure you this Branch of Trade once so beneficiall to the English Inhabitants of this place as M^{r}. Pitt can very well inform you, is intirely diverted into the hands of the Moors and Armenians, for the Reasons we [have] before acquainted you with.

Relating to ye. liberty of trade in Bengall granted us by the Compa.

We can settle no regulations wth ye Gentn. in ye. Bay, because out of Inst. they will disapprove all we propose, therefore have desired them to give you their sentiments that you may judge of their sincerity.

This Trade is now diverted into ye. hands of ye. Moors & Armenians.

40. There are more difficultys in the regulations you are pleased to propose than ever we can be able to get over, considering how easy a matter it is for those Gentlemen that are disoblig'd in the Bay to Load our Factors with what Complaints they please, be they never so carefull and Circumspect in their Behaviour; all we can say is, we woud employ the most prudent Persons upon such an Occasion, well knowing that if any reall damage shoud befall your Affairs by their rashness or folly, our good Friends in the Bay woud not Scruple to do your Hon^{rs}. Justice out of our Effects; Upon the whole, if ever this place is to enjoy that happiness again it must be by your Bounty and not their good will in the Bay, and we only beg you will be pleasd to examine whether your goods have been cheaper bought since you recalld your Orders given upon the Union than they were before, and whether your Estate has ever sufferr'd so much from the Liberty given to free traders as from those that have had all the power in their own hands; but all is humbly Submitted to your Judicious Consideration.

The Bengall Gentn. will right or wrong complain of our Factrs.

But as to damages that may be done yor. Affairs, we desire you to compare whether yor. Goods have been cheaper since you recalld yor. Orders for our free trade than before.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

41. Those Gentlemen now of your Councill that are concernd in the 109th. parã. of your Letter relating to the house at Egmore readily Acknowledge they were to blame in relying as they did upon the Single Conduct of your late Gov^{r}. Fraser for carrying on of that Building for w^{ch}. they humbly ask pardon and promise they will never be drawn into such unprofitable Scheems hereafter and hope you will be pleas'd to mitigate the penalty orderd in your Letter, since there was a model produc'd in Consultation of the 15th. of Feb^{ry}. 17$\frac{1}{11}$ for the present guard house, which the Board unanimously approv'd, not believeing it wou'd amount to near the mony it has; your Hon^{rs}. have not been pleas'd to mention in what proportions the surplus charge shoud be reimbursd; your late Gov^{r}. Fraser ought undoubtedly to be assessd according to his Salary at least as the Chief Contriver, but he was gone for England before the Order came, and thô you are pleasd to mention only six of the Councill, we don't suppose you intended M^{r}. Raworth [who] was then at the Board to be excusd in case the others refund; [M^{r}.] Martin being gone home indebted to yo^{r}. Warehouse and M^{r}. Hunt dead wth. out any visible Estate, the only persons remain^{g}. are Mess^{rs}. Frederick, Bulkley, Jennings and Warre, who crave leave to wait your further orders, and as for the Building since it has cost so much mony, we propose to finish it at as little charge as possible, and to make it as usefull as it is possible for any thing so ill contrivd to be.

The Gentlemen concernd in ye. building Egmore house ask pardon & hope you will mitigate the penalty orderd. since this building has already cost so much, we shall finish it.

We keep the subscription to ye. Hospitall till ye. last Ship.

42. We keep the Subscription to the New Hospitall here till the dispatch of the last Ship in hopes of an Addition from those Gentlemen bound home.

The repair of the Garden house compleated.

43. We have compleatly finish'd the repair of your Garden house here, and the work is so substantially perform'd that if kept in good repair, which may be done at very small Expence, it will in all probability stand many years; it [was] an usefull ornament to the place, and has been manag'd w^th^. all possible frugality.

We have orderd ye. new Whses. at Ft. St. David to be finished w^th^. [s]peed, & an Accot. of them to be kept apart.

44. The New Warehouses in Fort S^t^. David were just cover[d] from the Weather, when the Troubles began; we have orderd them to be finish'd w^th^. all possible Expedition and to keep the Acco^t^. of them apart (for your particular inspection) if possible to be pick'd out of the Paymasters Acco^ts^. in M^r^. Raworth's [time] we gave them orders more than once to keep all Buildings under particular heads, but that wou'd not agree so well [with] their Clandestine practises and therefore it was neglected among a great many more of the same good use and intent.

There will be a necessity for building a Fort house, & we have given orders to provide.

45. There will be an Absolute Necessity for building a Fort House at the foremention'd place for the Accommodation of your Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. and Covenanted Servants, we have given orders to make timely Provision of all materialls at the best hand being in expectation of your Orders by the next Ships and very unwilling to undertake matters of so much consequence without them.

Three month's measuring duty lost happend thro' two [con]tending Bidders for that [f]arm. But great amends is made in [ra]ising sd. Duty.

46. In Answer to that part of your 122^d^. parã: touching the three month's measuring Duty lost between the expiration [of] one Cowle and the Commencement of the other, we have made strict enquiry and find it was Occasion'd by the contention between two Bidders that took up so much time and the Gov^r's^. neglecting to appoint proper persons to receive the Duty during the dispute, however there is large amends made in raising the said Duty to four times as much as it was before, and the three months according to the old Cowle wou'd have amounted to no more than fifty Pag^s^.

Sixthly touching Factors, Writers, Officers and Soldiers & their Account's.

Mr. Ward comes home upon this Ship at his request and by the Advice of all his good friends here, to get relief for ye. Stone.

47. The Lord Chief Baron's Son M^r^. Samuell Ward comes home upon this Ship at his request and by the Advice of all his good friends here, to see if he can get any help for that racking distemper the Stone. The fits have come so frequently upon him since our last, and with so much violence, that it is impossible he could hold out another hot Season in this Climate; it is great pitty he has not a better constitution being otherwise very well qualified for your Service and for raising his fortune in the world.

Fleet Aynsworth dismissd ye. service & to be sent home by [one] of ye. Succeeding Ships.

48. Fleet Aynsworth writer having behav'd himself in a very disorderly manner ever since his arrivall here for which he has often been reprimanded and confined and on the 14^th^. Sept^r^. last having been guilty of a very unpardonable crime as you may please to observe in Consultation of the 16^th^. Ditto, we have dismiss'd him the Service and intend him home by one of your Ships: he has often solicited us to discharge him before, but out of regard to his Hon^ble^. grandfather and other friends we were willing to bear with him as long as possible, and are now sorry to find ourselves under a necessity of making him one of the first Examples.

Lieutt. Roach & Gunner Hugonin [are] deserving men & we shall [re]ward them according to their [m]erit

49. We return thanks for the liberty you have been pleas'd to give us of rewarding Lieutenant Roach and Gunner Hugonin, they have both been very faithfull to your Interest and diligent in their Duty at Fort St. David tho^t^. they were M^r^. Raworth's particular friends and wish'd him as well as any of those that stood by him in that unjust dispute, we shall not fail to reward them according to their merit.

50. In answer to your 180th. parã. the Eight pounds advanc'd the Corporall and his wife shall be paid into your Cash being rais'd by a charitable Contribution because it wou'd be impossible for them to subsist if we had deducted it out of h[is] pay.

The 8 £ advanc'd ye. Corporall & his wife shall be pd. into cash.

51. Mr. Richard Farmer presented a Remonstrance Consultation of the 15th. Ulto. wherein he lays claim to the Dep^ty. Government of Fort St. David, we beg leave to refer you thereto for the Answer we made him, he [re]mains without any allowances till we receive your further orders.

Mr. Farmer lays claim to the Dy. Governmt. of Fort St. David.

52. We have found it absolutely necessary to encrease the Number of Ensigns in this Garrison, as well for the Security of the black Town by keeping continuall rounds in the Night under their inspection as for having an Eye upon the free guard men that no wicked Contrivances are set on foot, we have preferr'd the oldest and most diligent Serjeants the extraordinary charge is very inconsiderable and we are sure to keep the black town in better order.

We have found it necessary to encrease Our Number of Ensigns.

53. John Morgan, Peter Tahourdin & Simon Holcombe Writers are orderd to Fort St. David, that there may be no complaint for want of sufficient Assistance to keep up their Business and to encourage all young men to be faithfull and diligent in your Subordinate Factorys we promise that su[ch] as do well shall have liberty to return hither and take their standing after three years if they desire it, which we hope will have the desir'd Effect.

Jno. Morgan, Peter Tahourdin & Simon Holcombe sent to Ft. St. David & to return in 3 years if their behaviour is deserving.

54. In our last we had occasion to mention an insolent Letter wrote the President by Mr. Thomas Gray Secry. at Fort St. David, Mr. Raworth has since own'd to Mr. William Warre and Lieut. Roach, that he dictated the Letter and order'd h[im] to send it, which is no more than what we suspected by [the] stile of it when it was read; the young man is truly penite[nt] and capable of doing you good Service under a better tutor.

The Lre wrote The Presidt. by Mr. Gray was by Mr. Raworth's order & dictated by him.

55. Francis Barnard writer his Acco^t. Curr^t. signed by the [Pay]master comes in the packet No. (31) thô there is no ballan[ce] due, it may serve to convince his Relations he died worth nothing more than barely enuff to lay him decently in ye. grave.

Francis Barnards Accot. Currt. comes in ye. Packet.

56. On the 21st. of Octobr. James Young one of your Essay masters departed this life, there remains now only John Maubert to officiate, wherefore we request to be supply'd wth. Another able person by the next Shipping, and that you will please annually to send 24 quarts of the very best Aqua Fortis, for what we get made here is not good enuff to be depended upon for the Essays and consequently the Mint Braminys, cannot be so narrowly look'd after as they ought; this leads us to acquaint your Honrs. that since Mr. Joseph Bullock went hence your Mint master (that is the Govr. has been inform'd by some of his Acquaintance, that he cut off a piece of gold from a Bar about which he had a dispute with the mint Braminys, and carried it home with him to be essay'd in the Tower; surely he ought first to have complain'd to the Govr. as Mintmaster to see whether the grievance cou'd not have been redressd here and then he might have appeald home; we hear since by our Shipping from ye. Cape, that he has taken the liberty to reflect very much upon the Management in the Mint, but as he is the only complainant we have yet heard of since your Govrs. Arrivall, we hope it will be regarded accordingly assuring your Honrs. there is as much care or more taken than ever to look after ye. Braminys, thô at that time our Aqua Fortis was not good, consequently the Essays cou'd not so well be depended on, and this Mr Bullock very well knew by his conversation with Mr Benyon, we coin gold as currently and wth the same reputation as ever, which our mint Books will make appear.

[James] Young Essay Master is dead, [we] desire an able man from Engl [and] some good Aqua Fortis, wt. [we]get here not being fit to de [pe]nd on Touching an Action of Mr. Bullocks upon a difference wth. our Mint Braminys in essaying also reflections of his cast upon [t]he Govr. at ye. Cape.

57. Mr Henry Davenport having petitiond in Consultation of the 31st. Ulto. to lay down your service in order to imbark with his family for England, it was agreed to, and he takes his passage upon this Ship, with the Revd. Mr. George

Mr. Davenpt. wth his Family, &

[Pad]ry Lewis come upon ys. Ship.

Lewis and your orders concerning the latter in the 143d. parã: of your Letter are fullfilld; we have no Reason to doubt hitherto but that the Gentlemen who Succeed him will answer both your Honrs. and our Expectation and it shall be our constant Care to Support them.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

Yor. Genll. Books come by this Ship & Copys of ye. Fort St. Dd. Books, wch. were not done time enuff to be brot. into ours.

touching ye. exorbitant Expce. of Ft. St. Dd. our carefull Endeavours to have retrenchd them & the Effect ye. latter had on Mr. Raworth.

58. We are now according to our promise to answer that part of your Letter under this head omitted by the London; we send your Generall Books by this Ship, thô with much difficult[y] as they were kept open in hopes of: bringing in those of Fort St. David, which we were promisd from time to time but found them not half copy'd when Mr. Raworth surrenderd the Fort, so that we are obligd to reserve them to be brought in next year but have made Shift to get a set of them copyd to come with this packett and thereby your Honrs: may be pleased to observe the Expences of that Settlement amounts to no less than thirty thousand pags. althô the peace was made about the time the Books commenc'd and neither our orders nor their promises were wanting to retrench them, we are asham'd of this management when we look into former Accots. and hope you will be of Opinion that we had patience enuff in letting things run on so far as they did without applying an effectuall remedy, our Letters will shew that we were not wanting in our Duty and the Presidt. declares he frequently wrote to Mr. Raworth in private Letters on the same subject, but all to no purpose, nor shou'd we ever have bee[n] able to do you justice had he continued in that Station, [at] our remonstrances thô never so reasonable and exactly agreeable to your Orders being regarged by him as so many Affro[nt] proceeding from malice and a design to lessen him in your Opinion.

Concerning Journall parcells not being read in Consulta. There has been no room for such Complt. since ys. Presidt. arrivd.

59. In answer to your 157th. parã touching the Journall parcells not being read in Consultation those of the Councill at that time do assure your Honrs: that they were often askd for and if the motions they made were not enter'd in Consultation the omission was made by the then Govr. that [drew] them up, there can be no complaint of this nature since your President arriv'd.

Upon Mr. Davenport's laying down [ye] Warehouse was divided accordg. [to] order We have establishd a new Method [of de-] livering over the Warehouse.

60. The Business of the Warehouse is divided into two branches of Import & Export according to your Directions upon Mr. Davenports laying down which seemd to us the most proper time as one Acco. of Remains wou'd serve and you may please to observe in our Consultation of the 31st. of Decembr. by this Ship that the Warehouse is deliverd over in a more regular method than usuall which if carefully kept up in the same cases hereafter it is impossible any such confusion and Abuses can happen as what we have lately complain'd of.

Yor. Covenanted Servts. have [a]lways been assistants under ye [co]uncill in their Sevll. Employs.

61. Your covenanted Servants have always been Assistants to the Warehouse and other employments under the Management of the Gentlemen in your Council, and we do not find any Complaints enter'd in Consultation that more help was denyd them when they requir'd it, but if the Warehouse-keepr. (which has been the case) will pass by the Covenanted Servants, and for Reasons best known to himself (thô we may easily guess at them) confide entirely in the Conicoply that serves for two and half Pags. a month, your covenanted Servants can be of little use and no doubt but the Warehousekeepr. is guilty of mismanagement and breach of trust and ought to be accountable for the Conicoply.

Tho' Mr. Raworth in his Apology to Dartmth.

62. But this is not all for thô in Mr Raworths Apology sent you by the Dartmouth he seems to lay the load of the vast wants and imbezzlements in the Warehouse upon the Conicoply which we did not then comment upon because of

his readiness to make good the mony and for want of sufficient proof to condemn a man in his Station, besides that great part of the Rupees were prov'd upon the Conicoply yet we are now fully informd (and he will not pretend to deny it) that he made use of for his own Acco^{t}. upwards of Seventy thousand Rupees and the two chests and half of Silver, the former being chiefly imployd in Country Voyages and the latter let at Respondentia to Cap^{t}. Hudson in the Hallifax, both in the year 1709/10 and never made sold in Acco^{t}. till they were found wanting in the Acco^{t}. of Remains upon ballancing your generall Books last year as we have advisd you; so that we need not wonder if the Conicoply made bold with your Treasure who had the Keys unwarrantably intrusted to him & saw M^{r} Raworth convert such large Sums to his own use, when he knew by the Standing Rules of this Presidency that he had no more right to do it than himself, no Treasure being to be medled with or dispos'd of, without an order of this Board.

lays the Load of ye. Embezzlemts. in ye. Warehouse upon ye [Co]nicoply, yet it since appears that he made use of above 170,000 Rup^{s}. & 2½ Chests of [Si]lver himself, wch. were never (a)ccotd. for till found wanting.

63. M^{r}. Raworth will pretend that there was an Order to Sell Rupees for defraying the Charges of this Garrison and [to] dispose of Silver for the Hallifax's Voyage to China, but upon examination we find that there were other Rupees sold at that time and made good in the Warehouse Acco^{t}. sufficient for the use of the Garrison and were it as he says we don't see those allegations make at all in his favour because what he stands now chargd with were never made sold in Acco^{t}. nor offer'd to be paid for till the abuse was discoverd.

Mr. Raworth will pretend there was an order to sell Rups. & Silv^{r}. to defray charges Garrison, but that wont serve his turn because wt. he is chargd wth. were never made sold in Accot.

64. We write thus particularly upon this Subject as well to inform your Hon^{rs}. of the real truth, as to justifie our proceedings in case M^{r}. Raworth should pursuant to M^{r}. Bullock wholsome advice appeal to the higher powers in England for relief, after consenting under his hand as you may please to observe in our Consultations to abide by our Judgment rather than stand a further Scrutiny, and after having given positive orders in writing to his Attorneys to make good the Debt out of the first mony that came to their hands notwithstanding all which he has unmercifully arraignd us in all publick and private Conversations for robbing him of his Estate and pulling him to pieces; but before this Season is spent we hope we shall find time to lay this matter so clearly before you, that both we and his Attorneys which are Mess^{rs}. Benyon and Warre may be fully justified before your Hon^{rs}. and then we doubt not but you will be pleasd to vindicate our proceedings if that Gentleman thinks fit to apply to a Superiour Power.

We have thus endeavourd to lay the truth before yor. Honrs. & justifie our proceedings in case Mr. Rawth. shoud as prompted by Mr. Bullock appeal to higher powers in England after having consented under his hand to wt. we had done.

65. The Directions you are pleas'd to give us in those paragr^{s} of your Letter from N°. 159 to N°. 168 inclusive relating to your Books and Acc^{ts}. of all kind, we had been so happy in a great measure to provide for before as will appear in our Consultations, and what we had not is since put in practise the severall par^{s}: are distributed to those Offices which the[y] relate to, it shall be your Presidents particular Care to see the whole complyd with and as soon as these Ships are gon[e] the orders shall be all plainly transcrib'd into our new Collection of all your Rules and standing orders for the perus^{ll}. of your covenanted Servants.

The Directns. in yor. Lre from Paras 159 to 168, were mostly provided for before, what was not, is since put in practise.

66. We have already felt the good Effects of our Regulation[s]. In the Business of the Warehouse, and M^{r}. Davenport has given sufficient demonstration that the best Security for a Conicoply is to watch him narrowly and let no mony lye in his hands, the ballance of the Warehouse under his Managem^{t}. is fairly dischargd, and no bad debts nor anything spoild by negligence or missing in the Acco^{t}. of Remains.

[We] have felt ye. good Effect of our regulations in ye. Warehouse & Mr. Davenport has provd yt. ye. best Security for a Conicoply is good looking after.

Mr. Rawth's. Answer to our demd. of Pearl &ca he stands indebted for as Whsekeepr.

67. We wrote your Hon^{rs}. in our last concerning the ballance due on Acco^{t}. of the intended present for the Mogull, our next books will rectifie as far as we can go, but all the Answer we cou'd ever get from Mr. Raworth to the pearl and other things he stands indebted for as Warehousekeep^{r}. was by word of mouth to M^{r}. Warre when with him in the Fort (when he askd him why he did not reply to that letter) that we had plunderd him of his Estate already, and therefore he was determin'd never to have given any Answer.

[Pr]oper methods are settled as to collecting ye. Sea Customs.

Tho' ye. Debts yr. Honrs., mention have stood but long, yet tis observd. no bad Debts have happen'd of many years.

68. In Answer to your 167th paragraph relating to the Sea Customs, we do always allow two, three and four months time to such persons as are reputed Substantiall according to the quickness or deadness of Trade, and when any mony stands out so long as your Hon^{rs}. take notice of it is either by the Negligence of the Sea Customer as in the Case of M^{r}. Raworth or unavoidably by Some persons in streight circumstances that cannot be easily comply in point of time, but it is worthy Observation that no bad debts have been made of any moment at the Sea Gate for many years past and it shall be our Care to prevent them hereafter.

Capt. acqut^{s}. us he has wrote satisfactoryly to Mr. Pacheco touchg. ye. bill of Excha. Acco^{t}. Mr. Lees relations.

69. Cap^{t}. William Howe who was concern'd in that Bill of Exchange to M^{r}. Pacheco for Acco^{t}. of M^{r}. Lees poor Relations acquaints us that he has wrote him in such a manner by these Ships as will put an end to the dispute; we shall be carefully for the future to particularize in our Letter what ever bills of Exchange we draw.

In yr. Honovers Invo. there is an overcharge of £100 s.10 wch. we shall rectifie.

70. In your Invoice by Ship Hannover we find an over charge upon Broad cloth ordinary red twenty two cloths at £ 9 : 10 : ℔Cloth stands charged £ 309 : 10—which shoud be no more £ 209 the difference £ 100 : 10 which we shall take care to rectifie in Acco^{t}. the particular Marks of the Cloths in the packett N°. 39.

Cash Chitty's debt arises from his engaging wth. Serrapa in a contract for ye. old Compa.

71. Cash Chittee's Debt of Pag^{s}. two thousand Six hundred fort[y] Eight, and nine fanams ariseth from his being formerly [en]gagd in a Contract with Serrapa and others for providi[ng] Callicoes for the old Company, and was transferred from the Books Anno 1710 by your former Accomptant at that time.

Supplement of what Omitted in the foregoing & what has occurr'd Since First as to Shipping

The Stretham arrivd ye. 7th. Inst. & is now loading for Europe.

72. The Stretham Capt^{n}. Harry Gough Comm^{dr}. arrivd from Bengall the 7th. inst. she is now taking in her loading for Europe and will follow this Ship in few days, by whom if any thing is omitted, we shall not fail to make it up.

The Frederick arrivd ys. day from Bencoolen where she left the Susanna.

73. Your Ship Frederick Cap^{t}. Phrip Comm^{dr}. arrivd here this day from Bencoolen by whom we are advisd that the Susanna is safe there, there has been a great mortality am[ong] your Servants, but we must beg your patience till our next for a particular state of Affairs on that Coast.

a List of goods registerd ℔ Capt. Martin comes in ye. Packet.

74. Cap^{t}. Matthew Martin of the Marlbrô has register'd here severall parcells of goods that he has laden on board his Ship, which comes in the Packet N°. (42.)

Mr. Davenport has ye. Ft. St. Dd. Diary & Consultations.

75. We have deliverd M^{r}. Davenport the Fort S^{t}. David Diary and Consultations for his Examination in the Voyage as being wrote in a hurry.

76. Having had no Monsoon in Novemb^{r}. as usuall the Surf has of late run very high which has been some hindrance to us in the dispatch of this Ship her Invoice & bill of Loading amounting to Pag^{s}. One hundred Eighty one thousand six hundred seventy one, Eighteen fan^{s}. and sixteen Cash come inclos'd, we wish this Ship a safe arrivall wth. your Hon^{rs}. and that prosperity may attend your Affairs in Gen^{ll}. being with great Respect,

This Ships Invo. amounts to Pags. 181671 : 18 : 16.

Hon^{bls}. S^{rs}.
Yo^{r}. most faithfull hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
EDWARD HARRISON
WILLIAM JENNINGS
BERNARD BENYON
WILLIAM WARRE
RICHARD HORDEN
JOSEPH SMART
THOMAS COOKE

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19TH. OF JANUARY 171$\frac{3}{4}$

OF FFORT S^{T}. DAVID & THE OCCURRENCES THERE SINCE OUR LAST.

77. We had occasion under Severall heads in our last letter to complain of your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{rs}. intemperate Behaviour and mismanagement in your Affairs, we likewise advis'd your Hon^{rs}. that the Joynt Stock Merchants were sent for up hither upon their repeated complaints, of which we sent you copies in the Packet; in our Consultation of the 25th. of Septem^{r}: you may please to observe how hardly they had been us'd, by imprisonment and extortion at the Same time that we were wrote to, not to proceed against them with Severity, least we shou'd disable them from carrying on your Business thus a full stop was put to the Investment that was made in March last not one Bale being brought in, and about two hundred remaining due upon the last Contract.

Mr Rawth's usage of ye Merchts. as [ex]pressd in Consulte. ye 25th. Sept. that a full stop to ye Investmt. of March last, & 200 bales were due upon ye old contract.

78. The excuse made by the Dep^{ty}. Gov^{r}. for the Investm^{t}. not going forward was want of Cash which put us upon a narrow Scrutiny into that Article, we sent them down Twenty thousand Pag^{s} in the month of June of which no more was paid the Merchants than twelve thousand and the ballance at the End of June was thirteen Thousand seven hundred twenty three Pag^{s}. notwithstanding which they wrote us for more mony and drew severall Bills of Exchange which made us so uneasy that we forbad them drawing any more, but the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. conceald that Letter from his Councill and afterwards gave a Bill to M^{r}. Richard Farmer upon his coming hither for Pag^{s}. Seven hundred Eighty five, & sixteen fan^{s}. which Bill we refusd to pay as being drawn contrary to our orders, and directed the mony to be repaid out of your Cash in ours of the 25th. of Septem^{r}: M^{r}. Farmer's Attorny applyd to the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}: for the mony but never cou'd receive a Pagoda.

The D. Gov^{rs}. Excuse was want of cash, wch put us upon a Scrutiny,

We sent them down 20,000 Pags in June, & at ye end of that month their ballce. was Pags. 13723, notwithstandg wch. they drew bills on us, wch. we forbid, but ye. D. Gov^{r}. conceald our orders & drew another, wch we refusd to pay, ordering him to refund, but he never did.

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79. Upon this and some other private Notices that Bills had been drawn and the mony not paid in, we calld wth. more earnestness than ordinary for their Acco^{t}. of Cash to be sent us, thô they had before a standing Order to send it up monthly as soon as read and passd in Consultation but whenever we wrote on

Upon Notices that Bills had been drawn & ye mony not paid

in, we wrote more earnestly for their [Accot] Cash. In their Letter of ye. 19th. Augst. they tell Us their cash accot. is inclosed but was not. In another Lre of 25th. Augst. they ask pardon for ye omission, but still omit to send it, And we could get none since that of June.

this Subject our Letters lay m[any] days unanswer'd and at last we receivd one of the 19th Aug[ust] wherein they write that their Accot. of Cash and other Acc[ots.] come inclosd, thô there was not one paper in it and seve[rall] of your Councill have since declard that they saw the D[eptY.] Governr. open the Letter after it was seald and take our Accots. in Another Letter of the 25th Augst: he makes an A[po]logie for the Secrys. omission in not sending the foremention'd Accots. as promisd, but still omits to send them and thus we were trifled wth. till the latter end of Sept[embr.] having receivd no Accot. since the latter End of June.

We discover a bill of Excha. for 5000 Pags. drawn in Janry. that had not been accounted for by end of June.

80. Much about the same time we discover'd upon the ballance of our Books that the DeptY. Govr. and Councill had drawn a Bill of Exchange upon us for 5000 Pags on the 24th of Janry. was twelve months which Sum was not brought into their Cash when their Books were ballanced to the last of Aprill, and upon further inspection we found it not brought in by the ulto. June, which as we said before was the last Cash Accot. we had to look into.

These Proceedings wth. some advices brot. from Ft. St. Dd. by Capt. Roach made us think it high time to look out for ye. preserva. of yor. Estate.

81. These unaccountable proceedings made us very uneasy but when Lieut. Roach returnd from Fort St. David wth. the Merchants we sent for, and told the Govr. that Mr. Richard Harrison Paymaster askd him what mony he had brought down [with] him, for that they were in want to pay the Garrison, [and] further when we were credibly informed that the [men] were in Arrears for August and Septem[r] we thought it high time to look out for the preservation of your Estate, and the provision of Goods for the Shipping upon our hands.

Accordingly ye 5th. Octobr. a charge was drawn up against ye. D. Govr. and we agreed to suspend him. & Mr. Frederick having ye. Books in hand pitchd upon Mr. Davenport down.

82. Accordingly in our Consultation of the 5th of Octobr. your Honrs. may please to observe the DeptY. Govrs. extraordinary Conduct was taken into Consideration and a charge drawn up against him of such Articles that were fully prov'd without any room for a dispute, after which we had recourse to your standing orders and agreed unanimously to sespend him and revoke his Commission; [Mr.] Frederick had the Books in hand to ballance and therefore we pitchd upon Mr Davenport for this Service, the rather because he was determin'd home by the first Ship and woud be able to give you a full Accot. of the Condition that Settlement was in; we did not suppose it wou'd take him up more than twenty days Employment, by which time we computed the Books woud be compleated and Mr. Frederick might go to remn. there till your further Orders.

Severall other advices against Mr. Raworth, that were not set [down] in ye. Charge because we [coud] not then have that proof [which] is since come to light.

83. Besides what containd in our charge against Mr Raworth we had receivd severall other materiall Advices, that we did not incert for want of sufficient Proof thô all are since but too fully made appear, First we had from very good hands that he had receivd severall Sums at time due from the persons that Rented your Bounds, without bringing a Pagoda into yr. Cash or passing any Receipts; Secondly that he frequently receivd other Sums due from the Arrack farmers Beetle Collectors and other Revenues without any mention made in Consultation or any mony paid into your Cash, at the same time never gave any receipts for what he receivd, which is putting your Affairs into irrecoverable Confusion, and if any Body disputed paying him mony in this unwarrantable manner they were threaten'd to such a degree that they dare not for their lives

but Comply; Thirdly that notwithstanding he wrote us under the 26th of July that he had receivd Seventeen hundred and thirty pags. of Matt[w]. Weld paymaster and Sto[re]keep[r]: towards his ballances due to the Company, yet not a penny of that mony was brought into the Cash, nor for severall Bills of Exchange drawn upon us in July and August last. Fourthly that he held no Consultations but transacted every thing by himself not so much as communicating the Letters we laterly wrote him upon matters of the greatest moment. Fifthly that he kept no Acco[t]. Cash himself, but trusted all intirely to a black slave Dubash. Sixthly that he publickly rail'd at and expos'd our proceedings to all your Servants in generall both Civill and military, declaring that he was as much Govern[r]. of Fort S[t]. David as your Govern[r]. here was of Fort S[t]. George, that he was made so from England & that we had no power over him; and lastly that he was hard at work to draw over the Officers and Souldiers to stand by him up[on] some apprehensions that we designd to remove him. A[ll] these particulars duely considered (thô not mentiond in our Charge) helpd to determine us in our Resolutions that there was a necessity for taking the administration immediately out of his hands and calling him to Acco[t]. for his Cash.

Wch. determine us in our Resolution, of ye. necessity of removing him.

84. We could not think it prudent nor necessary to send M[r]. Raworth a copy of his Charge, the Evill seemd to us to require a more expeditious Remedy-By his manner of Behaviour we coud expect no more than a flat deniall of every Article thô never so fully provd even from their own Letters, and if he had vouchsaf'd an Answer we must have been the Judges of that Answer, in the mean time [he] wou'd have had more Liezure to perfect his Scheme for resisting our power, which the sequel will shew was wh[at] he all along intended; However your Hon[rs]. may please to observe that the principall Articles we charge him[w[th].] are no more than what we had chargd upon him before in our Generall Letters to which he gave such Answer that were no way satisfactory; and the Chief among them being contempt and breach of your Hon[rs]. and our Ord[ers] we know no way to govern your subordinate Settlement according to your Directions but by displacing such dispute with us when it is their Business to obey; The Reason why we say so much to this particular is, because M[r]. Raworth accuses us of not giving him a Charge, which [he] calls hanging a man and trying him afterwards: but [that] we cannot think to be the case, and your Hon[s]. will [easily] see by what follows that we shou'd have had enuff to a[ct] to try him at the head of 600 Men, had we given him a little more time.

Reasons why we did not th[in]k it prudent to send Mr. Raworth a copy of his charge.

85. Having commission'd M[r]. Henry Davenport our Commissary and Provision[ll]. Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. by the same commission we revok'd that which we formerly gave M[r]. Raworth pursuant to your Orders, and to remove all pretences for disputes as much as in us lay, we wrote him a Letter acquainting him with what we had done and the Reasons in brief that induc'd us to it, requiring him to sumon the Councill and deliver up his Charge according to the usuall method, a copy of the said Letter will be found in our book of Letters sent N°. (71,) and having occasion to send down a Sum of mony to further the Investment, we order'd Lieut[t]. Poirier, Gunner Hugonin and twelve Horsemen for a guard to accompany the Dep[ty]. Govern[r]. and secure the mony; we & likewise reestablish'd M[r]. Philip Baker of Councill, formerly suspended on Allegations not fully prov'd sent down M[r]. Matthew Weld to be reinstated if his Acco[ts]. were fairly cleard; all these Gentlemen set out from hence the 5th. of Octob[r]. in the Evening, and arrivd the Edge of your Bounds at Fort S[t]. David the 8th. at Night.

By the same Commissn. given Mr. Davenport we revokd that given Mr. Raworth & prevent dispute acquainted Mr. Rawth. wth. wt. we had done [in] a private Letter. having occasion to send mony [by] ye. D. Govr. we sent likewise guard. Messrs. Baker & Weld also accompany him arrives ye. 8th. at Night.

86. Early in the morning M[r]. Davenport sent away Lieut[t]. Poirier with our Letter and another from himself to M[r]. Raworth, who some how or other had receivd Advices of M[r]. Davenport's coming the day before, and got such Officers

Mr. Davenport sends Capt. Poirier wth. our Lre

& another [from] himself to Mr. Raworth [of] having heard ye. News, his behaviour thereupon.

nearest to him as he cou'd most confide in, himself was on horseback at break of day, and rode to one of the Outguards near which such people as come from hence allways enter the bounds, and as soon as he discoverd M^r^. Davenport's coming forward, he fire'd the Signall Gun himself and alarum'd all the Bounds, as usuall in time of war when they saw the Enemy appear, the same was answer'd from the Fort and all the rest of the outworks, after which he mounted his Horse rode up to Poiriers Pallankeen and receivd our Letter, which having read he carry'd him to the Fort and answerd M^r^. Davenports Letter after near two hours consideration delivering it to Lieut^t^. Poirier with these words, "You may tell M^r^. Davenport I will not deliver up this Government as long as I have a drop of blood in my Body." We beg leave to refer you to the Fort S^t^. David Diary and to our Consultation of the 11^th^. October for the Answer before mentiond [wherein] M^r^. Raworth declares that thô he had rather resign the Government to M^r^. Davenport than any man in India, yet he wou'd not allow him any Authority to rule there by whatever commission he coud receive from us—we are the more particular in repeating these words, because this is the position upon which he founded his resistance.

Mr. Raworth receives said [letter] & answers it & refuses to resign.

Mr. Davenport is denyd entrance at Tevenapatam gate upon wch. he sends Hugonin to Mr. Raworth.

87. M^r^. Davenport finding Lieut^t^. Poirier stay longer than expected began to be under some uneasiness, and went Liezurely forward towards the Fort, till coming to the Gate of Tevenapatam the Serjeant of that guard flung the Gate too and coming out of the wicket, told him publickly, that he had orders from the Goven^r^. to deny him entrance, upon which he sent Gunner Hugonin into the Fort to expostulate with M^r^. Raworth upon this extravagant way of proceeding; in the mean while Poirier return'd to M^r^. Davenport with M^r^. Raworth's Answer, and by that time all the Gentlemen of the Councill except M^r^. Richard Harrison finding M^r^. Raworth did not summon them and that resistance was intended were come over to joyn M^r^. Davenport, but all the military stood firm at their Severall posts, and M^r^. Harrison remaind in the Fort as active as any one declaring he woud stand and fall by M^r^. Raworth.

All the councill come over to Mr. Davenport but Mr. Harrison who declard for Mr. Raworth, & ye. Military stand firm at yir posts.

Mr. Davenport denyd entrance wth. his guard at ye Garden house.

88. M^r^. Davenport rode up to your Garden house, and demanded entrance, but the Ensign posted there with about Sixty or Seventy Men declar'd he had orders to admit him only by himself and if any body else offerd to enter with him he must fire upon them.

Mr. Hugonin returns from Mr. Raworth who swore he woud not resign. [de]clares ye men rebels, for wch [orders] were given to shoot him.

89. Soon after, Gunner Hugonin returnd and gave Acco^t^. that he found M^r^. Raworth determind not to resign to M^r^. Davenport or any Body else, having assurd him in so many words; and clinchd them with a bloody Oath, that he wou'd not deliver up the Fort to him nor any Body else as long as he had a drop of blood in his heart; as the Gunner came out of the Fort, he told the men that serv'd formerly under him, they knew not they were going to rebell against the Queen and your Hon^rs^. and bid them have a care being hangd; upon which they were going to shoot him by the Dep^ty^. Govern^r's^. order; but he got on horse back and made his excape.

Mr. Davenport retires towds ye. Edge of ye Bounds & reads his Commission.

he receives a message by a peon that he may enter Tevenapatam

90. Under these Circumstances it was thought convenient for M^r^. Davenport to retire with the mony he had along with him towards the Edge of your bounds for security; However he stopd at a convenient place in the way and publickly read his Commission to those few that accompany'd him; much about the same time a single peon came and told him the Gate of Tevenapatam was open and he might go in if he pleasd; but considering the Letter he had received as before mention'd from M^r^. Raworth w^th^. the verbal answers he gave to Lieut^t^. Poirier and Gunner Hugonin as also the Acco^t^. he had receivd from M^r^. Berlu and the rest of the Councill with him of what orders were given out to the Officers the day before in order for his reception, he could not think it advisable to run that

hazard upon a Message by a Single peon, but by advice of the Councill and the rest that were with him, retir'd out of the bounds to a small Choultry or place of shelter at about two Miles Distance and dispatchd away Letters to acquaint us with what had happen'd and require our further orders.

but by ye. advice of ye. councill [con] sidg wt had happend re[tires] out of ye. Bounds & dispatches advices to Us.

91. In the Diary of these transactions and also among our Consultations, your Hon^{rs}. will find copys of the originall orders given out by M^{r}. Raworth upon this Occasion, in which (thô pen'd wth. a good deal of Caution) tis easy to discern his intentions to resist, for otherwise there cou'd be no occasion to issue them to all the guards just at this Critical juncture, and 'tis further very remarkable that the Evening before he took away the command of the Company in the Fort from old Lieut^{t}. Hugonin, after having tamperd with him and found him not fit for his purpose and put Patrick Johnston at the head of it, an Officer that came [over] upon the last Ships fit for any mischief; to this [man] he gave the very gold buttons and cloths off his back upon [Oaths] and promises to stand by him and old Lieut^{t}. Hugonin [was] confin'd to close imprisonment in the Fort, wth. his wind[e] shut up and almost stifled to Death.

In the Diary of these transactions are to be found copys of all papers given out by Mr. Rawth wch tho carefully pen'd, his intentions to resist are plain & to this end confines Lieut^{t}. Hagonin & gives ye. commd of ye Fort to Johnson.

92. As soon as we receivd advices of this generall Revolt (for we cannot call it by any other title) we immediately orderd M^{r}. Davenport to return with the mony out of their Reach, your President intending to go down with what force we coud spare out of this Garrison, thô the Scituation of your Affairs at that Juncture cou'd very ill bear with his Absence as your Hon^{rs}. will observe upon our Consultations, but he did believe his presence woud bring over a great many to their Duty, tho' M^{r}. Raworth had left no Stone unturnd to seduce them.

As soon as we receivd. these advices, we agreed to recall Mr. Davenport & the Presid^{t}. intended to go down himself.

93. But before he coud put things in order for his departure fresh advices came that the Officers and Souldiers came over every night in great numbers to M^{r}. Davenport; Also all the considerable black inhabitants, the Peons, Chief Dubash &^{ca}. in your Hon^{rs}. pay, which was chiefly brought by spreading coppys of our Commission to M^{r}. Davenport, with other necessary papers in the night among all the outguards, proper to undecieve the deluded men that had been made to believe they were doing their Duty when taking up Arms against your Authority. Every Day brought us fresh advice[s] that our numbers encreas'd and therefore to loose no time we gave immediate Orders as you may please to observe upon our Consultations for M^{r}. Davenport to remain near the Bounds, and support such as wou'd return to their Duty, we shipd off a party of sixty chosen men upon a small Vessell and sent them to land at Pontichery with a supply of arms and Ammunition for such as came over and cou'd not bring their Arms with them; next we wrote M^{r}. Raworth a Letter and sent him a protest dated the 14th of October, Duplicate of which comes in the packett N^{o}. (32) and orderd M^{r}. Davenport to send it by two European Wittnesses, for which he demanded a safe Conduct, but M^{r}. Raworth returnd Answer that he woud not receive any message from him nor any Letter that did not stile him Deputy Gov^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. David & accordingly returnd [the letter] unopen'd we likewise sent down a Generall [pardon under] your seal to be dispersd among the Men, which had so good an Effect, that it brought over all the Garrison, except those that were with M^{r}. Raworth in the Fort and at the Garden house, and those seduc'd with large promises and kept warm with strong Liquor took a solemn Oath to stand by him to the last, being in Number about two hundred, of which one hundred or thereabouts were the ablest Men of the Garrison.

Reasons why the Presid^{t}. did not then go.

We send down 60 good men wth. arms & ammunition.

also write to Mr. Raworth & send him a protest, wch. he refuses to receive as not stiling him Depty. Govr. We likewise send a generall pardon wch. had good Effect.

94. Whilst these things were in Agitation, the Nabob encourag'd by our intestim divisions renew'd his demands for our Villages to be deliver'd up, and prepar'd to march this way, which made it very unadvisable for your President

during these Agitations the Nabob renews his

demand of our Villages.

to leave the place before that matter cou'd be accommodated, for if he had come between us and Fort S[t]. David during the President's Absence, it would have been impracticable for him to return hither by Land, and by Sea their cou'd be no Conveyance till Feb[ry]. and therefore upon receipt of fresh Advices that Cuddalore and all the outguards were quitted and exposd by the Men coming over to M[r]. Davenport, we forthwith orderd him to March into your Bounds and defend them against our old Chingy Enemies in case of any attempt, M[r]. Raworth, having advisd in a Letter of the 17[th]. of Octob[r]. that they were coming down with all their Force; and there is no doubt but he gave them a fair invitation.

Receiving advices that Cuddalore & the outguard were quitted we order Mr. Davenport to take possession for fear of ye. Chingy Enemy.

Mr. Davenpt. enters ye. bounds wth. 300 Men, secures Cuddalore & ye. outguards, but as he pass'd men wth. ye Ft. had 2 Culverin Shot flung at him. Upon yt. Mr. Rawth. sends 10 [men] well armed to attack [. . . .] had siez'd [. . . .] accordingly they do attack the place but are beat off wth. the Loss of 2 & 3 wounded.

95. On the.17[th]. of Octob[r]. M[t]. Davenport enter'd the bounds with about three hundred men of the Garrison of which he left part to secure the most considerable of the outguards and went with the rest to take possession of Cuddalore, & in his way thither being oblig'd to pass in fair view of the Fort was saluted with two Culverin shot that fell very near but did no harm; that same Evening M[r]. Raworth, thô he complaind of the outguards being Expos'd, hearing there was a guard put into one of them call'd Quondapa Choultry, he sent ten of his best men on horseback, under pretence of a civill visit to seduce them over to his side, w[th]. orders if they saw an Opportunity to sieze the post in case they did nôt surrender, accordingly they were arm'd with Carabines, pistols and Granadoes with quick Matches, and being half drunk they advanc'd very boldly and flung in their Granadoes which wounded severall of our Men and kill'd one black fellow outright, upon which the Officer that commanded fir'd a Gun loaden with patridge that killd two & wounded three of the Attackers the rest making the best of their way back to the Fort, and our Men expecting a second attack in the Night by way of revenge considering they cou'd not be reliev'd from Cuddalore that was at too great a distance quitted their post and retir'd thither.

We dispatch Messrs Warre & Lewis wth. instructions to expostulate wth. Mr. Raworth also write him a Letter & renew our protest.

96. As soon as we had determin'd to order M[r]. Davenport into the Bounds, we dispatchd away M[r]. William Warre one of your Councill, and the Rev[d]. M[r]. George Lewis our Minister with proper Instructions to expostulate with M[r]. Raworth, and lay before him the very ill consequences that woud attend this unnaturall and unjustifiable way of Proceeding, we likewise wrote him a Letter and repeated our protestation against him for all dammages tha[t] might ensure upon further resistance, as for the said Instructions and Letter we humbly refer you to our book of Letters sent N°. (83) & (86) and dare believe that when you have been pleas'd to puruse them, you will be of Opinion we went as far as Men cou'd go to accom̃odate this unhappy Affair without further mischief.

We refer yor. Honrs. to Mr. Lewis for an Accot. of ys. Negociation, the result of wch. was, that he wou'd deliver to none but, ye. Presidt.

97. As the Rev[d]. M[r]. Lewis comes home upon this Ship, we take the Liberty of referring your Hon[rs]. to him for a particular Account of what passd in that Negociation between them and M[r]. Raworth, all offers were rejected, all Perswasion was in vain, and after some days spent in endeavouring to calm his mind and make him easy, the result was, he wou'd deliver the Fort to no man but the President himself.

Mr. Rawth. promises to commt. no acts of hostility but never the less bombards Cuddalore, but wth.out doing Mischief.

98. All this while M[r]. Davenport sat quiet at Cuddalore, upon a promise made by M[r]. Raworth to Mess[rs]. Warre and Lewis that he woud commit no Act of hostility, notwithstanding which on the 24[th]. of Octob[r]. about Eleven at Night in the hight of the treaty, he flung a Bomb at Cuddalore that fell near to the town Wall, and woud have done mischief had the fuze been good; the Rains being set in prevented a great deal more harm, and the Merchants finding themselves pretty safe from the Shot of the Fort, in Cuddalore, assembled and contracted there

with Mr. Davenport for Eight hundred forty Eight Bales of Long Cloth and Sallampores only, at the former prizes, notwithstanding all difficultys and particularly that Great one, of no fine Goods, so often urg'd in former Contracts.

Mr. Davenport contracts wth. the Merchts. at Cuddalore for 848 Bales.

99. This Contract being made and goods coming daily in, we were in no pain for the dispatch of your Shipping, and upon Receipt of a Letter from Messrs. Warre & Lewis wherein they declare it to be their Opinion that if the President cou'd come down all things wou'd be easily accommodated, a Resolution was taken for his going in Consultation of the 1st. Novr. and on the 4th. he set out having first accommodated the disputes with the Nabob, by means of Sunca Rama, with assurances that there shoud be no disturbance du[r]ing his Absence, and having likewise contracted with our Merchants for five hundred Bales of Callicoes and as many more as they cou'd possibly provide by the middle of February.

Receiving advices from Messrs. Warre & Lewis that they believed Mr. Rawth. wou'd resign if the Presidt. came down, he sets out on ye. 4th. Novr. having first settled matters wth. ye. Nabob contracted [&] for 500 bales.

100. Thô We all agreed in Opinion for the President to go down believing the men wou'd not stand out any longer in so wrong a cause after his Arrivall, yet we cou'd not think Mr. Raworth sincere in his intentions, because he still insisted in a Letter to Messrs. Warre & Lewis that he was the Depty. Govr. and we had no power to displace him.

Thô we agreed that ye. Presidts. presence might bring over the Men, yet we did not believe Mr. Rawth. sincere because he insisted we had no power to displace him.

101. Passing thrô' Pontichery Govr. D'Ulivier coming out of the Fort to meet your President he cou'd not refuse to go in for a few hours, in which time he got a solemn promise that Mr. Raworth shou'd have no assistance from thence of provisions nor anything else till he return'd to his Duty, which was afterwards faithfully complied with, tho' they had supplied him before Underhand.

The Presidt. passing thro' Pontichery got a promise from Govr. D'Ulivier not to assist Mr. Raworth wth. any thing.

102. On the 7th. in the Evening your President arriv'd the Edge of your Bounds where he was met by Mr. Davenport from Cuddalore, and the next morning sent a summons to Mr. Raworth to meet him according to Custom upon his entring the Bounds not thinking it advisable after what had happen'd to go directly to the Fort; it was towards Evening before Mr. Warre & Lieut. Roach that carried the Message return'd with an Answer, we must beg leave to refer you to the Fort St. David Diary for the forementiond Letter and Answer, only observing the most materiall points, that is, the insufferable terms demanded by Mr Raworth, and his firm promise that if your President insisted on his coming to him with the Keys, he woud do it next day without fail, in Expectation of which the President took up quarters at the garden House, from whence upon the news of his coming down Mr. Raworth had drawn the usuall guard into the Fort, leaving the house totally unfurnishd, and the Garden plunderd of every thing that was in it, wch. did not look as if his promises to surrender were sincere.

the Presidt. arrives ye. Edge of ye. bounds on ye. 7th. where he sent Mr. Rawth. a summons to Meet him by Messrs. Warre & Roach, & receives answer that if ye. Presidt. insisted on it he woud come The Presidt. takes up his quarters at ye. Garden house.

103. In the morning Mr. Warre and Lieut. Roach returnd into the Fort to claim Mr. Raworth's promise, but the scene was chang'd, he grew more unreasonable than ever and refus'd to keep his word in coming to the Presid[t.] insisting that he woud receive Him in the Fort and no where else, that he shoud enter the Fort

Messrs. Warre & Roach return to claim Mr. Rawth's.

promise, but his mind was alterd, & he woud receive ye Presidt. no where but in ye Ft. wth.out any guard &ca. but this it was agreed ye Presidt. coud not consent to wth. any safety.

without any guard or attendants, and then his Garrison, as he call'd it, shoud acknowledge him for their Govr. these and severall other passages of the same kind being duely consider'd as yor. Honrs. may please to observe in the Fort St. David Consultation of the 9th of Novemr. it was unanimously agreed that the President coud not go into the Fort with any safety without shifting the Garrison or sending in some of his own Men, which Mr. Raworth had absolutely [refused] to permit; and it was therefore determind that if he continued to act in this unreasonable manner he must be reduc'd to his duty either by Stratagem or force.

With Messrs. Warre & Roach at length comes over Mr. Harrison who upon examina. of his conduct is suspended till yor. furthr. Orders.

104. We must not omit to acquaint you that wth. Mr. Warre and Lieut. Roach came Mr. Richard Harrison out of the Fort, pretending he had stay'd so long there for want of a particular summons, your President orderd him to his house at Cuddalore and afterwards upon examination into his Conduct finding him to have been a main Instrument in setting Mr. Raworth on, as well as active in all the mischief that has been done as you may please to observe in the Fort St. David Consultations and depositions thereunto annexd, he was first suspended at Fort St. David, which we have since confirm'd and shall continue it till your further orders.

This contest lasted all Novr. during wch. all Endeavours were usd to bring over ye Men to their Duty, but he had still remg. [in] ye Fort about 150.

105. This unnaturall Contest lasted all the remaining part of Novembr. during which time all endeavours were us'd to draw away Mr. Raworth's Adhærents from him, and to perswade them to deliver up the Fort, since we cou'd not prevail upon him. About fifty of them came over to their duty but there still remaind in the Fort about one hundred and fifty, of which Eighty Europeans, Dutch, Irish, Scotch & very few English, who had taken a solemn Oath to stand by him to the last.

Our Men were employd in looking up ye Fort to keep them from plundering ye Towns & getting provisions, in wch. we [me]t with Resistance

106. Our men were employd in Tevenapatam and other proper Stations (as soon as we cou'd get into possession of them) to keep people from coming out of the Fort and plundering the Town as they had done for many days before, and to hinder all manner of provisions from going in; we did not get these posts without resistance from our honest Countrymen as will be seen in the Diary of our Transactions, thô we allways took care to summon them to their Duty before a stroke was struck and likewise had so much patience as always to let them strike first, severall men were wounded on both sides, but God be praisd all are very well recover'd.

We refer yor. Honrs. to Mr. Davenport for a partict. Accot. of all [rem]arkable passages. Our only design was to get Mr. Raworth out of ye Fort, his intentns. for ruining ye Settlemt. appears. by his actions

107. We will not trouble your Honrs in ys. Lre with all the remarkable passages that happend during this dispute, our Diary contains them at large and Mr. Davenport that was an Eye witness from the beginning as well as a party concern'd will give you a full narrative of every particular, our only aim was to get the mad Gentleman out of the Fort with as little blood shed as possible and before he had compleated the ruin of the Settlement, all his Actions will show he stuck at Nothing nor car'd what mischief was done provided he cou'd avoid coming to an Account: his people had free plunder in the Town of Tevenapatam till your President drove them out and took possession of it, all the Inhabitants havg. left their houses, when the Fort first began to fire upon Cuddalore Mr. Berlu's house was plunderd as a Deserter and all his provisions carried into the Fort, your joynt Stocks Merchants Godowns were broke open and plunderd as Traitors for complaining of hard usage, three of them were confined in the Fort and barbarously treated to extort mony for payment of the Souldiers, and when he found they cou'd not come at any to supply him with, he turnd them out a few days before he surrenderd the greatest objects of Compassion that ever were seen, one of them is an old man upwards of four score that has serv'd you at Conimeer long before Fort St. David was settled they were all three so terrified and ema[ci]ated with their sufferings that they cou'd hardly speak to give an Account of what they had undergone.

Some of wch. related

108. If any man in the Fort desir'd to come to their Duty, they were cut and slashd and turn'd out, one Man came to the President with a great piece cut out of his Skull, and a terrible wound in one of his Arms, which they calld giving him a pasport, and another man was shot dead in the Fort with a bl[un]derbuss by one of the faithfull serjeants as M^r. Raworth[calls] them upon a suspicion that he intended to desert, the Serjeant name is Murray and thank God we have him under close confinement for that inhumane Action.

109. These and Severall other passages of the like kind consider'd it was thought high time for the preservation of what [was] left and for preventing further mischief and noise in the Country to make amend some how or other; the President [can]not learn exactly what provisions they had in the Fort, [but] he had certain advices that M^r. Raworth intended to [turn] out all the Garrison to forty or fifty of the boldest Villains by which means he woud have been able to subsist and hold out for a longer time than your Affairs at this place wou'd have permitted y^e President to stay at Fort S^t. David; likewise the fair weather being set in, and grain Boats daily expected upon the Coast we were not in a capacity for want of proper Sloops and Boats to prevent Supplys getting in by Sea; for which and other reasons set forth at large in the Fort S^t. David Consultations, The Rev^d. M^r William Stevenson who accompany'd your President down upon this Expedition, was sent to M^r Raworth to know once for all what it was he intended to do at last, and to endeavour to perswade him by fair promises to submit before things were drove to further extremity.

These things considerd wt thot. it high time for preventg. a totall ruin to accomodate matters some how or other, & Thereupon Mr. Stevenson was sent to him to know wt. he [aimd] at in fine.

110. Some days passd in Messages to and frô before he could be fixd to any thing, and the result at last was that he must be permitted to go to Pontichery, where he wou'd pass his Accounts to our Satisfaction in fifteen days after his Arrivall or else he freely consented to be deliverd up and sent hither; he likewise insisted upon pardon for those that had adhærd to him, which we the more readily consented to because they were too many in Number to suffer exemplary punishment, and indeed it did not seem reasonable that the deluded Underlings should be made examples of, when we were under a necessity of letting him that Commanded and seduc'd them go unpunish'd.

The Articles he insisted on.

111. The great Difficulty was to permit M^r. Raworth's going to Pontichery after all that had happen'd and without first stating and adjusting his Acco.^t of your Cash: Your President knew very well he had not a Pagoda left, and thô no Acco^t. of Cash had been seen since June, yet having got an Acco^t. of what issued to the Paymaster and what paid the Merch^ts. on Acco^t. of the Contract, he was well satisfied there ought to have been upwards of twelve thousand Pagodas in Cash, and therefore M^r. William Warre was sent once more into the Fort to discourse M^r. Raworth upon that head to lay before him how unreasonable it was for him, and indeed scandalous to retire to a foreign place without first rendring an Acco^t. To promise him all manner of Civility and good treatment in case he woud stay and doe it in the usuall manner and to endeavour to see his Cash book if possible and what condition his Acco^ts. were in.

The greatest difficulty was the permitting his going to Pontichy. [On] wch. Mr Warre is sent to [discourse] him & to examine into [state] of ye Cash.

112. This Message had no better success than usuall, all kind offers were to no purpose, he must either be permitted to go to Pontichery directly, or he solemnly swore he would take his Fate in the Fort, and we might bomb him or starve him out, he car'd not which, with many other extravagant and desperate Expressions too tedious to be incerted, M^r. Warre us'd all manner of Arguments to prevail with him to show his Cash book assuring him it was the Chief Difficulty that obstructed his going where he desir'd but he obstinately refus'd to show any, declaring at the same time that he had no mony and that the Cash was indebted to him; but as for his Acco.^t he made no Scruple to own that he cou'd not adjust it w.^th^out the help of the Chief Dubash and other black Servants whom he desir'd might be sent to him at Pontichery.

This messa. meets wth. no Success. Mr Rawth. declares he has no mony nor can he make up ye Acco^t. without ye help of his black Servts.

113. Finding therefore that no good coud be done with him [that] the Evill encreased every day, and that the longer the affair [was] depending the greater

The Reasons that induced us to let him

to go to Pontichery & the terms on wch. he went.

the prejudice and comfusion wou'd [be] at last it was resolvd to let him go to Pontichery, if Mon[s.r] D'Ulivier woud consent to receive him upon the foremention'd condition accordingly your Presid[t]. wrote him a Letter upon the subject and sent him a copy of the Article agreed on to which he returnd a satisfactory Answer as you may please to observe by the paper No. (34) sent in the Pacquett, bec[ause] it was forgot to be enterd in the Diary, M[r]. Raworth likewise wrote Mons[r]. D'Ulivier at the same time the conditions upon which he desir'd his permission to reside there and that he consented freely to be deliverd up in case he did not Account [in] fifteen days to our Satisfaction; thus we tho[t]. ourselves [very] secure of M[r]. Raworth's person well knowing he was not in a Condition for want of mony to render in Acco[t]. [with] which it was possible for us to be satisfied and if we had [not] permitted him to go on these terms he had got a Boat re[ady] in the river under the Guns of the Fort, w.[th] which he woud [have] made his Escape in the dark Nights notwithstanding any thing we cou'd do to Hinder him and have thrown himself under their protection at Pontichery, without our being able to retrieve him.

The Presid[t]. enterd. ye Fort ye 2[d] Decr. where he found 150 Men.

114. It was the 2[d]. of Decemb.[r] before your President enterd the Fort, having first orderd in Lieuten[t]. Roach w[th] one hundred of our Madrass party: and disarm'd the Rebels that were in number about 150, of which Eighty the stoutest Europeans in your Service the rest Topasses, they were most of them red hot with drink and declar'd that they had been kept so ever since the beginning of the troubles, and that M[r]. Raworth had promis'd them all preferment when he came to be Gov.[r] of Fort S[t]. George, which he assur'd them by Letters receivd from M[r]. Bullock at the Cape wou'd be orderd out of England by a Runner some time in January; this had bewitchd the people and made them so firm to his interest thô they underwent great hardships laterly and had no less than four months pay due to them the last of November.

a Pretence of Mr. Rawth.'s to [in]duce the Men.

The Presid[t]. receives ye Cash Bk. [of] Mr. Rawth. ye manner in wch. [it] was found. The Latter declares he has not a Pagoda in mony.

115. As soon as the President was in the Fort he demanded the Cash book of M[r]. Raworth who deliverd him one that ended the last of June and neither that nor one Acco[t]. in six besides sign'd or passd in Consultation; the President ask'd him publickly before all the Councill and Officers if that was all the Acco[t]. he had, and if he had made up none since June, he answer'd that was the last; then he askd him if he had any ballance in his hands, to which he replied not one Pagoda.

The Presid[t]. endeavours to persuade Mr. Rawth. to stay & settle his Accot. but coud not prevail. he declared he would come [and] see Presid[t]. at Ft. St. George. The Excuse ye. Ft. St. David Council. make for not havg. advisd Us of his proceedings sooner.

116. The President us'd all the Arguments he was master of to persuade him (notwithstanding the Agreement) to stay and settle his Acco[t]. before he went, promising him every thing he cou'd desire, but he complain'd of the great fatigue he had undergone, that he wanted rest and refreshment, and solemnly protested that he went only to Pontichery to repose himself, and that he wou'd not fail to come of his own accord and see the President at Fort St. George when the time limited was expir'd. Thus at last with much adoe we got rid of this mischievious Man, that had been for severall months making preparation to resist, in case we sho[d]. call him to account[t], which he well knew he had but too much reason to expect, your Hon[rs]. will wonder no doubt at our not being appriz'd of his intentions and irregular proceedings much sooner, indeed we might have expected it from the Gentlemen of the Councill, but they were all so intimidated by His violent temper (at least this is what they say for themselves) that they dared not for their lives offer to write least their Letters should be intercepted; This is certain what advices we did get at last were underhand by the Dutch peons, for M[r]. Raworth kept a strict Watch for all Letters and Cadjans that pass'd hither, and fetch'd back severall persons that were got half way to this place in order to complain.

The condition in wch. ye. Fort was found.

117. The Fort was found in a most miserable and poisonous Condition, the first work was to clean it and search for all your records and papers which were immediately examin'd and new listed but cou'd not all be

found, next an Account was taken of the warehouse and all manner of Stores of which great quantitys had been consum'd since the beginn^{g}. of this revolt, and as soon as it can be done, all the extraordinary consumption will (as in Justice we think it ought) be charg'd to M^{r}. Raworths Acco^{t}. The Obstinate Crew found in the Fort were dispers'd to severall Guards where they cou'd best be look'd after and least capable of doing mischief; Severall Depositions were taken as will appear in the Diary, whereby Lieut^{t}. Patrick Johnston was found guilty of forcing his men to ravish a poor Malabar woman with severall other barbaritys for which he was confin'd close prisoner, and we intend him home by some one of your Ships also Serjeant Murray that murther'd a man in the Fort as heretofore mention'd was put in iron and orderd hither by the first Sea Conveyance, some [other] ring-leaders in plundering of houses were confin'd and every thing remaind very quiet.

Our first proceedings towards setting matters to rights.

118. When this Agreement was in a fair way of being conclud[ed] M^{r}. Davenport returnd hither to act as Chief in the Govern^{rs} absence and M^{r}. Thomas Frederick went down to Fort S^{t}. David with our Commission to rule there as our Deputy till further order, he arrivd there the 5th in the Evening and on the 6th. your President accompanyd him into the Fort and had his Commission read in the hearing of the Garrison as well as your covenanted Servants, taking that opportunity to convince every body on what a wrong bottom M^{r}. Raworth had engag'd himself and all his adherents.

Upon conclusion of ye. Agreemt. Mr. Davenport returnd to Ft. St. Geo: yt. Mr. Frederick might [c]ome hither, where he arrivd ye. 5th & on the 6th his Commissn. was read ye. Cash deliverd him &ca.

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119. In the afternoon your President set out from Fort S^{t}. David, having first deliver'd over the Cash to your Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. in Consultation, & made as many regulations as the few days time he had wou'd admit of and orderd severall others as soon as they cou'd be made with convenience to yo^{r}. Affairs, on the 9th. at sun rise he returnd to this Governm^{t}. (without meeting any thing remarkable in his way except some visits from the Pulligars of the Country) and found all in peace and good Order, with two thousand four hundred Bales ready in the warehouse, though Eight months time had actually been lost at Fort S^{t}. David, from whence we might have had Eight hundred Bales more by this Time.

the Presidt. set out in ye. Afternoon for Ft. St. Geo: & arrivd there ye. 9th in ye. morning.

sending 2,400 bales ready.

120. We are next to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that when your President came to examine your Books and papers at Fort S^{t}. David, no Consultations were found signd since July, and in those that were signd from the time of M^{r}. Raworth's coming to that Government, no entrys have been made of any Sums of mony paid your Merchants upon Contract, nor no Receipts to be found in the receipt Book for upwards of One hundred & fifty thousand pag^{s}. by which confusd method, many Errors have arisen in Acco^{t}. with the Merchants difficult to be rectified; all payments ought according to our method here to be made them by order of Consultation and the Receipt Book is the voucher for what paid out of Cash: This M^{r}. Raworth well knew to be the rule, but never kept up to it, and so there is a difference of upwards of five thousand pag^{s}. betw^{n}. his and their Account which for want of their Receipts cannot be adjusted.

The irregularitys & deficiencys the Presidt. found upon Examina. of their Books & papers

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particularly no rects. having been taken for some time. there is a difference of 5,000 Pags. wth. Mr. Rawths. & ye. Merchts. Accot.

121. It is likewise the prescribed Rule in all your Factories, that all sums of mony due for rents, Revenues and indeed on any other Acco^{t}. whatsoever, shall be paid into Consultation and your Govern^{r}. here always writes what receivd on a Sheet of Paper kept by the person that pays in y^{e}. mony, but M^{r}. Raworth has intirely inverted this method by compelling all persons to pay him the mony singly as his private Occasions requir'd it without giving any manner of Receipt

Sevll. other irregularitys practisd by Mr. Rawth. in ye. receipt of mony.

Wereby there are differences betwn. him & other people particularly wth. ye. Rentrs. Pa fa 3233; 12.

and by this means nothing being mentiond on the Consultations nor in the Cash book he denies to have receivd any mony on those Accots. and the others cannot prove they have paid it but by their own books of Accots. that are very regularly kept according to their way. It wou'd be hard for us to force these people to pay the mony a Second time, when it was as much as their lives were worth to have refus'd paying it upon the Deptv. Governrs. demand, yet he does not think fit to credit you for a fanam in his Acct. Cash, thô the renters make Oath to have paid him Three thousand two hundred Thirty three Pagods. twelve fanams.

touching Sevll. abuses in Buildings.

122. The Abuse in Buildings upon Enquiry was found to be very extraordinary, we formerly orderd every one of the outworks to have a head in their Books, that we might see their true cost and what was expended upon comparing them this method has been kept pretty well up, but then they brought in a monthly charge besides of between two and three hundred pags. for repairs of fortifications which no body can give any Acct. of only in generall terms that it was for odd Buildings order'd by the Deptv. Governrs. and among the rest, a model of an Italian Portico built on the inside of the Fort gate wch. must cost near three hundred Pags. but no particular Acct. of it to be found; as for the Garden house, we shall send an exact Acct. of that charge a part by the last Ship we dispatch; in the mean time we assure your Honrs. there is much more laid out upon it than what we mention'd in our last, and if we finish the wall and other things according to the plan Mr. Raworth has laid it will cost fifteen hundred pags. more at least before 'tis finish'd.

The Garden house has cost much more than we mentiond & will still require 1500 Pags. to finish it.

Mr. Rawth. takes in a little Village of Weavers to enlarge ye. Garden & the poor Inhabitants that were turnd out, coud get no justice till yor. Presidt. allotted them another piece of ground.

123. On the Ground which Mr. Raworth took in to enlarge this Garden there stood a pretty little Village Inhabited by Weavers, all their houses were pulld down and the poor inhabitants turnd a grazing with fair promises of houses and ground to be given them in another place; but this was never done nor any notice taken of their complaints till your President went down when they threw themselves at his feet for Justice, and a piece of ground is orderd for their speedy reestablishment.

Sevll. other abuses particrly. in ye. articles of Bricks & Timber.

124. There have been severall other abuses particularly in the article of bricks and buying in Timber, the former thô burnt at your Expence (with the wood cut down in the bounds to ye. great prejudice of them) and the cooley hire charg'd in Acct. yet stand in as much mony upon the Books as if they had been bought outright; and as for the Timber thô bought up at Negapatam very reasonably, we find it chargd in Acct. at very dear rates; we have order'd a very particular enquiry into all these matters, in hopes to have it perfected so soon as to be sent by the last Ships and where we can get reparation no Endeavours of ours shall be wanting, in ye. mean time our main Concern is to take care it may be so no more.

We shall enquire into all matters get wt. repation we can.

The Extravagance in ye. Stables.

125. But the most unbounded Extravagance of all has been in the Stables, where the late Deptv. Governr. had most an End twenty Horses of his own that stood some of them in five and six Pags. ℔ month keeping, whereas our Allowances to those of your Councill here for every horse is no more than fifty fanams ℔ month in this one Article there will now be sav'd above an hundred pags. ℔ month, and in the Totall Expence of Fort St. David at least one thousand pags. ℔ month, thô we have been so often told by Mr. Raworth and your Councill, that the charge cou'd not be retrench'd wth. out exposing the place, and every thing shall be as safe & as well taken care of as before, we hope better, if we can but prevent any ill consequences from the late inconsiderate behaviour of Mr. Raworth and his Adhærents, which we do assure you shall be our Study day and Night. We are sorry to add that [none] of your Councill at Fort St. David are any way to be excus'd for their tame and shamefull Submission to Mr. Raworth's Arbitrary

We shall save you 1000 Pags. ℔ month in ye. Expence of Ft. St. David.

proceedings; things coud never have gone so far, if they had had Spirit enough to do their Duty in opposing him, or in acquainting us sooner with his irregular way of proceeding; we have before told you what a poor apology they make for themselves and shall confide in them no more than needs must hereafter. The Ft. St. David Councill not excusable.

126. It is impossible for us to lay before your Hon^rs^. (in one Letter) all the Abuses and irregularitys that have been (and are still daily) discovered; but M^r^. Henry Davenport that was upon the spot and an Ear wittness to the proof of a great many will give you a full Acco^t^. of all whenever your Liezure will permit him a hearing; The Zeal he has shown for your Service upon this unhappy occasion at Fort S^t^. David, the faithfull discharge of his trust in the Warehouse since your Presidents Arrivall, and his long experience in your Affairs in Generall we hope will gain him sufficient Credit when he has the Hon^r^. to appear before you; and therefore not to detain you longer on this unpleasing Subject, we shall only add what has happend since M^r^. Raworth's being at Pontichery as briefly as possible. We refer yor. Honrs. to Mr. Davenpt. for a more particular Accot. of matters, Mr. Davenport's good Services.

127. When the fifteen days were near expir'd he sent us an Erroneous Acco^t^. of Cash from the last of June to the last of November accompanyd with a letter, copy of the said Acco^t^. attested comes in the packet N°. (35) and your Hon^rs^. will observe he makes a ballance due from him Pag^s^. One hundred sixty nine, the letter is enterd in the Book of Letters receivd N°. (178) and there is something in it very remarkable for w^ch^. reason we refer thereto. After 15 days Mr. Rawth. sends us an erroneous Accot. Cash, wth. a Letter.

128. This Acco^t^. was far from being satisfactory and therefore we made our demand in a letter of the 18^th^. of Decemb^r^. & sent down a proper person immediately to Gov^r^. D'Ulivier to negociate the manner of delivering M^r^. Raworth up at the same time appointing Lieut^t^. Roach then at Fort S^t^. David to accompany him hither, and as we were privately inform'd that he pretended his life was in danger. That we were his mortall Enemies and intended to assassinate him, we gave a full power to our Agent to sign any Articles that Govern^r^. D'Ulivier should demand for his Security, but all wou'd not doe, he gave in a request in writing wherein he demanded the King of Frances Protection and passage upon their Ships, and notwithstanding all Gov^r^. D'Ulivier's Engagem^ts^. to our President when at Fort S^t^. David, his request was granted upon pretence that as the King's Govern^r^. it woud be his utter ruin to refuse it. We are still in contest about the matter, and should show a great deal more resentment at this unfaithfull dealing, but that we are at no certainty of the Peace being concluded in Europe, however we have given them our Opinion very freely in writing and shall not fail to send Coppies of all that passes either by this Ship or the next, not doubting but the ffrench Company when they come to be informd of M^r^. D'Ulivier's ill Conduct, will highly resent his setting so pernicious an Example for thô we know very well M^r^. Raworth has no mony with him, yet he ought to have been deliverd up to settle his Accounts here according to agreement. This Accot. being Satisfactory we demanded the delivery of Mr. Rawth. & sent a person to negociate ye. affair wth. Govr. Dulivier. Mr. Rawth. requests ye. Kings protection in writing wch. is grant[ed] him contrary to Mr. Duliviers Engagemt. to ye. Presidt. We expostulate wth. them, but to no Effect.

129. We have drawn out his Account of Cash as it really ought to be, which comes in the packet N°. (36) and the true ball^ce^. is sixteen thousand seven hundred Eighty three Pag^s^. nine fan^s^. four Cash and three quarters, there may be further discoverys made here after, but this is what we can learn at present, the necessary remarks to explain it are wrote upon the same paper, and Copys of the Bills of Exchange not made good come attested in the packet N°. (41) we likewise send a Copy of the Fort S^t^. David Cash from April 1712 to April 1713 inclusive that you may see they are not enterd there: our Acco^t^. of Cash has been sent to M^r^. Raworth at Pontichery by proper witnesses to know what objections he had against it, but he positively refus'd to receive or look in it, declaring he woud Acco^t^. with nobody but yo^r^. Hon^rs^. in England; he is no doubt asham'd to see it well knowing that he can make no just Objections against any one Article contained therein. We have drawn out his accot. Cash as it shod. be whereby ye. ballance [is] Pags. 16783 : 9 : 4¾, wch. & sevll. other necessary papers come in [ye.] packet. We sent this Accot. to him but he refused to receive it, declaring he will accot. wth. none but yor. Honrs.

LIBRARY OF THE BOMBAY

By ye. next Ship we shall send yo. Honrs. a List wt. he has in these parts to make you Satisfaction. We suspect he sent mony home by Mr. Bullock. How greatly he is indebted to other people in India of wch. we shall send a List ℔ next Ship.

130. By the next Ship we shall be able to get ready an Acco^{t}. of what he has in these parts to make you satisfaction, we cannot be sure if he has sent any thing home to England, but we suspect he did by honest M^{r}. Bullock, because this bill of Exchange of five thousand Pag^{s}. was drawn much about that same time, and M^{r}. Bullock wrote him from y^{e}. Cape as he himself has publickly declared, that if it cost him Ten thousand pound he wou'd carry the point for him in England; please to read a Copy of a Letter that comes in the packett N^{o}. (37), what we can find here shall be secur'd; but there are great clamours for private debts amounting to no less than thirty thousand Pagodas, and among the rest, the mony rais'd by Charity and fines for building a Chapell at Fort S^{t}. David upwards of five hundred Pag^{s}. and about seven hundred more of the Corporation mony of this place, w^{ch}. he had out of the Chest when he was Mayor, and never yet accounted for, we shall be able to send a list of what he [owes] by the next Ship.

It will seem strange wt. he has done wth. this mony.

131. It will seem a great Mistery to your Hon^{rs}. what he has done with all this mony, he says we have rob'd him of [his] estate, but we shall make appear that he used us very inhumanely in those false aspertions, the real truth is he never kept any Acco^{t}. of all the vast Sums that passd thrô his hands for two years after M^{r}. Pit's departure the some Care he took of yo^{r}. Warehouse, the same he took of all private concerns, he trusted entirely to black Servants and that [has] been his ruin.

But he never kept any Accots,

His Dubash yt. servd him not above a year got 5,000 Pag^{s}. under him wth. wch he is gone off: we shall endeavour to recover him.

132. A Slave fellow his Dubash at Fort S^{t}. David that had not served him above a twelve month and came to him not worth a Pagoda, run away from the Fort upon a [cata]maran during the Troubles and escaped to Porto Novo with four or five thousand pag^{s}. pick'd up in his Service we had done our Endeavours to recover him and the mony, [but] have not hitherto been able to succeed, he was the Man [who] had the handling both of his Cash and yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. of which your President had sufficient proof when at Fort S^{t}. David.

We assure yor. Honrs. nothing but a sense of our duty for ye. preservation of yor. affairs movd us to this alteration & therefore cant doubt of your approvall.

133. And now to wind up this tedious and ungratefull Story, We do most solemnly assure yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. in the first place, that nothing but a true regard to yo^{r}. Interest, and a just sense of our Duty moved as to make this Considerable Alteration in your Settlement of this Presidency; we are well satisfied of our power by the Tenour of all your Orders and Cannot doubt of your Approbation when all things have been duely and impartially examin'd.

The Presidt. declares against a private Tri[que] in this affair.

134. Your President further declares that thô he has receivd Injurys and insults innumerable, such as no man in power at the head of Affairs ought to bear from an inferiour, yet he never brought those matters upon the stage against him, nor ever wou'd have proceeded in this manner if he had not laid such a Skeem of confusion in your affairs, we must be accountable for what is done at Fort S^{t}. David we plainly find by all your Letters and Directions, & therefore we must have a person to rule there that will obey our Orders, and not lavish and squander away your mony as he pleases, and One that when he is reprimanded for a fictitious Acco^{t}. of Cash, will not draw up such an insolent Consultation as we send you an Extract of in y^{e}. Packett N^{o}. (38) which there needs no Comment upon only that it is a Composition of wickedness and folly, and of a piece with the rest of the penman's Actions.

but if we must be answerable for ye. [well] being of yor. affairs [then] we must have one that will follow orders.

We shall do our Endeavours [to] prevent any ill consequences from this Action, wch. we think sufficently demonstrates

135. We shall do our Endeavours to prevent any future ill Consequences attending this unprecedented Action of M^{r}. Raworth's, but your Hon^{rs}. must allow the foundation of all your Government in these parts of the world is struck at, and we have already felt some of the ill Effects by, a new Spirit that appears among some of the military, since they are made sensible that they cannot be hang'd for resisting your Authority sure such a Settlement as this requires a Court of Justice for the punishment of such flagrant crimes and there can be no

doubt, but an honest Jury may be found here as tender of a man's life as those that use the old Baily, we are far from being fond of any part in that administration and heartily beg their may be some person learned in the law to superceed if ever a Commission comes out, but this we may venture to affirm that if some speedy care is not taken after what has happen'd at Fort St. David, there is no man living can answer for the Security of your Estate nor other Peoples under your Protection. We will be watchfull over those that we have been obliged to forgive, and take all opportunitys to get rid of them; we have ten in prison that were surprizd in Tevenapatam, and had the impudence to insist that they knew no Gov^r^. but M^r^. Raworth; all this humbly submitted to your Hon^rs^. perusal and now we make no doubt but your Mercantile affairs will go on in a regular manner as they ought; we wish and pray for prosperity to them both at home & abroad, and to your Hon^rs^. in particular, being w^th^. great Respect

ye. [ne]cessity there is for a court of justice here to punish | w^th^. Death.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19^th^. OF JANUARY 171$\frac{3}{4}$.

Hon^ble^. S^rs^.
Your most faithfull hum^ble^ Serv^ts^.

EDWARD HARRISON.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

TO CAP^t^. MATTHEW MARTIN
COMMANDER OF SHIP MARLBOROUGH.

1. Your Ship being full laden you are hereby orderd to repair on board and with the first opportunity of Wind Weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London, and whatever port of Great Britain you arrive first at, we order you to send away your Purser with our packett deliverd you in a Box markd A, directed To the Hon^ble^. the Court of Directors for Affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. United Company of Merchants of England tradeing to the East Indies, To whom your Ship goes Consign'd.

2. We likewise deliver you a flying packett Letter B, which you are to forward by post or Express immediately upon your Arrivall at any port in Europe where Conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to y^e^. Hon^ble^. Direct^rs^. w^th^. an Acco^t^. of what has happen'd materiall in your Voyage.

3. We also deliver you a Box markd Letter C, containing Books of Accounts, which you are to send by the first safe Conveyance after you get into the River of Thames.

4. The Hon^ble^. Directors have complained that while their Ships have been detaind in Ireland or Holland for Convoy, they have wanted our Advices, tho' at the same time the Commanders have had our positive orders to forward a small packet in the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obeyd, and strictly enjoyn you once more to send away the packet Letter B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrivall.

5. As there was a Cessation of Arms in Europe when our last Ships came from thence and great dependance upon a speedy peace, the Worsh^ll^. the Secret Committee have not thought fit to send us any orders for our homeward bound Shipping as usuall, but gave them to the Commanders of the Ships bound out to be lodg'd for you at the Cape, and Cap^t^. Nehemiah Winter in the King William Gally having passd by that Port without calling in, our President demanded the

forementioned Secret orders of him and herewith delivers you a Copy thereof seald up, by which you are to guide Yourself in your passage home, unless you receive fresher Orders from the said Committee or from our R^t^. Hon^ble^. Masters.

6. The Company's Orders are, that if any Ship should be so late dispatchd hence or that by any other misfortune she [has] no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Gall[y] on the Island of Ceylon, and stay no longer there than the beginning of July, but if it so happens that they get up [w^th^.] the Cape or near it, their Orders then are, that they go to [Mau]ritious to the South East side, which is on the Windward part of the Island where the Dutch had a Settlement, tak[ing] great care of your going in, 'Tis further orderd that you do all possible to avoid going into the North west Harbour or Carpenters Bay where 'tis likely the ffrench will look in; we are very credibly informd the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius, so that you must be very carefull how you make it, and be always on your guard and keep constant looking out to prevent being surprizd by any Enemy, securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there.

7. The Company have sent out a standing order to S^t^. Helena to be incerted in all your instructions Viz^t^. that wh[o]ever of you touch there, that you bring your Ship to an anchor before you come open with Chappell Valley near Mundens' point if you do not meet with good Anchor hold sooner, and then send your boat ashore to give the Govern^r^. intelligence who you are, for he is orderd to let no Ship pass that point and Come into the road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship shou'd attempt to break this order, the Gov^r^. has the Companys positive orders to fire on them.

8. We strictly enjoin you as formerly not to come near any Ship at Sea if possible to be avoided unless you have secur[ed] signalls concerted beforehand so as to know they are [of your] Companions (because we are not sure the peace is [concluded] and there may be pirats abroad as forme[rly reported].

9. You must always keep the Severall packet[s to be] deliverd you at hand, and in case you are in danger [of falling] into any Enemies hands, you are to throw them over[board] with all private Letters in your Ship. We wish you [a][pros]perous Voyage and date these in Fort St. George this [. . . day] of January 171$\frac{3}{4}$

EDWARD HARRISON.
HENRY DAVENPORT.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
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LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE HON^BLE^: THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP MARLBRÔ CAP^T^. MATTHEW MARTIN COMM^DR^.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated the 19^th^. January 171$\frac{3}{4}$
2. Invoice of Ship Marlbrô Amounting to Pag^s^. 181761 : 18 : 16.
3. Bill of loading of Ditto Ship.
4. Copy of the Generall Letter ℔ Ship London dated the 16^th^ Sept^r^. 1713.
5. Copy List of the Packett ℔ Ship London.
6. Copy Register of Diamonds on Ditto Ship.
7. Acco^t^. of Ships Arrivall at and Departure from Fort S^t^. George to the Ultimo Decemb^r^.
8. Surgeons of the King William Hannover & Frederick their second Receipts for head mony.

9. Cap^{t}. Gough's Second Receipt for his Charterparty mony.
10. Maddapollam Yatch's Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}.
11. Abstract of the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Revenues to the Ult^{o} Nov^{r}.
12. Acco^{t}. of what goods receivd from and sent to the Bay Anno 1713.
13. List of covenanted Servants and Inhabitants in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell.
14. List of Marriages, Christenings and Burials in Fort S^{t}. George [1713].
15. List of the first Company of Soldiers in Fort S^{t}. George.
16. List of the second Ditto in Ditto
17. List of the third Ditto in Ditto
18. List of the Gunroom Crew in Fort S^{t}. George.
19. Translates of severall Letters from the Fort S^{t}. David Merchants to the Hon^{ble}. President.
20. Copy of M^{r}. Welds Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. as stated at Fort S^{t}. David.
21. Acc^{t}. remains in the Export Warehouse of Fort S^{t}. George to y^{e}. p^{mo}. Dec^{r}.
22. Copy Sup^{r}. Cargoes of Stretham their Acco^{t}. Expences at Batavia.
23. M^{r}. Penrices 2^{d}. Note to refund what paid him on that Acco^{t}. in case the Company shall not agree to it.
24. Copy List of Goods registerd by Cap^{t}. Upton.
25. Cap^{t}. Matthew Martin's request for 648 bags of Salt Petre more than Charterparty.
26. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the year 1715.
27. Storekeeper's List of Ditto for Ditto time.
28. Secretary's List of Stationary Ware wanting.
29. Storekeeper's Acco^{t}. how the Stationary Ware by last Shipping came [out].
30. Extract of Letters to & from Vizagapatam relating to M^{r}. Holcomb's debts.
31. Paymaster's Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. with Francis Barnard deceas'd.
32. Duplicate of a Protest against R. Raworth Esq^{r}. dated y^{e}. 14th Octob^{r}.
33. Duplicate of a Second Ditto . . . dated the 21st D^{o}.
34. Copy of the Hon^{ble}. Presid^{ts}. Letter to Gov. D'Ulivier wth. his answer thereto in relation to M^{r}. Raworth's being permitted to go to Pontichery.
35. Copy of M^{r}. Raworth's Acco^{t}. Cash sent from Pontichery.
36. Copy of his Acco^{t}. as stated by M^{r}. ffrederick and Councill.
37. Copy parā: of a Letter from Rob^{t}. Berriman (who was sent M^{r}. Raworth at Pontichery about his Acco^{t}. Cash) to M^{r}. William Ware.
38. Copy of one of M^{r}. Raworth's Consultations dated the 8th. July 1713.
39. Copy of a parcell of Ship Hannover's Invoice from Great Britain wrong cast [£ 100-10].
40. Paymaster's roll of Ship [Marl]bro's Company.
41. Copys Bills of Excha[nge not] accounted for by M^{r}. Raworth.
42. List of goods register'd [by M^{r}.] Martin.
43. Copy of the Fort S^{t}. David [Cash] Acco^{t}. from Aprill 1712 to Aprill 1713.
44. List of Diamonds re[turned p] Ship Marlbrô.
45. Acco^{t}. Remains in the [. . .] Warehouse of Fort S^{t}. George to y^{e}. Ult^{o}. Dec^{r}.
46. Acco^{t}. Remains in the Store[house] of Ditto . . . to D^{o} time.
47. Storekeep^{rs}. List of Store[s Lad]ing of Invoice by the last Shipping.
48. Surgeons List of Med[ecines w]anting for the Garrison of Fort S^{t}. George.
49. Copys of severall Affi[davits r]elating to the attack upon Condapah Choultry.
50. Copy of Styleman Gostlin's Diary during his stay in the Fort wth. M^{r}. [Raworth].
51. Copy of M^{r}. Raworth's instructions to John Barrow when he [left the fort.]

52. Abstract of the Sea Customer's Acco^{ts}. to the Ult^{o}. Decem^{r}. 1713.
53. Abstracts of the Paymasters Acco^{t}. to the Ult^{o}. Novem^{r}. 1713.
54. Abstracts of the Land Customers Acco^{ts}. to y^{e}. Ult^{o}. Decem^{r}. 1713.
55. Bernard Benyon Sea Customer his Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. Ball^{e}. paid the 14th. [. .]
56. Ditto as Storekeep^{r}. ballance paid the 20th July 1713.
57. Abstracts of the Storekeep^{rs}. Acco^{ts}. to the Ult^{o}. Decem^{r}. 1713.
58. Copy of Cap^{t}. Matthew Martin's Dispatch.
59. List of the Pacquet.

List of Books

Fort S^{t}. George Books Viz^{t}.

Journall & Liedger Letter £ ...	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ultimo Apr^{ll}. 1713.
Consultations & Diarys	Commencing p^{mo}. Jan^{ry}. 171$\frac{2}{3}$ Concluding Ult^{o}. Dec^{r}. 1713.
Letters Received	Commencing Septem^{r}. 1712. Concluding Jan^{ry}. 7th. 171$\frac{3}{4}$.
Letters Sent	Commencing Jan^{ry}. 2^{d}. 171$\frac{2}{3}$ Concluding Jan^{ry}. 12th. 171$\frac{3}{4}$
Copy of the Old Comp$^{a's}$. Charter to Madrassapatam.	
Journall & Liedger of Ship Stretham's China Cargo.	
Mint Account	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ult^{o}. Nov^{r}. 1713.
Sea Customer's Account	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ult^{o}. Aprill 1713.
Paymasters Account	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ult^{o}. Aprill 1713.
Land Customer's Accounts ...	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ult^{o}. Aprill 1713.
Stewards Accounts	Commencing p^{mo}. Jan^{ry}. 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{2}{3}$. Concluding Ult^{o}. Decem^{r}. 1713.
Journall Parcells	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1713. Concluding Ult^{o}. Nov^{r}. 1713.

Fort S^{t}. David [Books] Viz^{t}.

Journall & Liedger Letter L ...	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ult^{o}. Aprill 1713.
Consultations & diarys during	[the tr]oubles sent in the possession of Henry Davenport.

Vizagapatam [Books] Viz^{t}.

Journall & Liedger Letter ...	Commencing p^{mo}. May 1712. Concluding Ult^{o}. Aprill 1713.

General Letter from Fort Saint George to the Company per Stretham. January 31, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, pp. 247—257.*]

[To the Hon^{ble}.] the Court of Directors
for Affairs of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. United
Company of Merch^{ts}. of England
Tradeing to the East Indies

Ship Stretham Capt. Harry Gough.

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}.

1. Our last was by the Marlbrō that sail'd hence the 21st. and a Duplicate thereof comes in the Packet with all other materiall papers; we are now to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. as briefly as possible wth. what has happen'd since that time.

Our last was Marlbrō.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D

2. On the 22d. instant arriv'd your Ship Recovery from Bengall with her Kentilage and two hundred Bales for Europe and Stores for this place, which are all landed and we hope to dispatch her fully loaden by the 10th. of next [month] at farthest.

The Recovery arrivd here the 22. inst. & we hope to dispatch her the 10th. insuing.

3. We expected a Thousand bags of Salt Petre at least by this Ship, but to our great Surprize not one is come and when the Frederick is kentilag'd we shall not have two hundred bags in the Godown, we wrote to Bengall under the 3d. of June that the Howland had swept our Godowns & that we were forc'd to buy up what there was in town at a extravagant Price to keep our powder Mills at work, we likewise advis'd them in subsequent Letters that we hop'd to dispatch the Frederick and that we must have provision in Season for our next Septembr. Shipping, Governr. Russel when here told us that they had made a Computation Accordingly and we might except the Remainder upon the Recovery but we have only receiv'd thirteen hundred forty Eight bags by the Marlbrō and five hundred fifteen bags by the Stretham out of which we were forc'd to Supply the former as advis'd you in our last to make her sailworthy wch. they [. . .] in Bay must be done as you may please to observe in the Script [. . .] by the said Ship.

We expected 1000 bags. of Petre ℔ Recovery but hâ not rec'd one thô we gave them notice of our wants in June, so that we have none for a Ship next Septr.

4. To remedy this disappointment as well [as possible we] [dis]patch'd away Letters as soon as we knew of it, [thinking] they may send us a sufficient quantity before this [month is] spent, because afterwards they can send us none till Aug[us]t and that will arrive so late in Septembr. that the Ship we intend to dispatch must run the hazard of the Octobr. Monsoon before we can be able to load her; the Recovery brot. us no more than five hundred bags of Rice, thō she might very well have taken in a thousand more, since she brought no Salt Petre.

To remedy this evill we dispatch'd letters that they might send [us] some if possible this Season. The Recovery brot. us but 500 bags rice, thô' she might ha, taken in 1500

5. Capt. Harry Gough requesting Permission to shoot the Turmerick loaden upon him in the Bay, that he might be the better able to bring his Tea between decks, we consented thereto upon a further Consideration that it wou'd pay but half frieght, in which we hope we are not mistaken. The Recovery has likewise Turmerick on board, and the Tea wou'd infallably have been spoild if put in the hould of either Ship.

Capt. Gough is permitted to Shoot the Turmerick that he may carry the Tea betwn. Decks.

6. Your Ship Frederick has brought us a Serang and nine Lascars prisoners from the West Coast that were the principalls concern'd in running away with a Vessell call'd the Mary Gally Capt. Andrew Gatt belonging to Mr. Adams yor. Chief of Calicutt after having most inhumanely butcher'd the Capt. and all the Europeans on board in the dead of Night, your Honrs. will have a full Accot. of this bloody Affair your West Coast Consultation, we hope we shall not be thought cruel in making severe Examples of such wicked Villains, without which it will be impossible to trade longer in these parts with any manner of safety, since the Shipping cannot be sail'd wth. out these Lascars; four of the Prisoners died in the passage over and we have pritty good Assurances that this is the very Serang concern'd in murdering the men aboard the Tonqueen Ship of which we advis'd you in our last years Letters.

By ye. Frederick were sent a Serang & 9 Lascars pirats taken in ye. Wt. Coast.

If we must not make Examples [of] such Villains it will be impossible to trade wth. safety.

7. On the 25th. inst we were honour'd with your Letter dated the 24th. Aprill bringing us the joyfull News of a Peace in Europe, which we have communicated to all our Neighbours and publish'd here with the usuall solemnity, the Letter [came] by way of Ceylon to Negapatam and from thence was [sent] us by the Governr. & Councill with a handsom Compliment and no mention of any Charges, nor do we apprehend there can be any, since their peons like ours are Station'd for [the] transportation of Letters all the way from Columbo as far as Metchlepatam we have forwarded your two Letters receiv'd at the same time for the

[We] rec'd ye. News of ye. Peace on y. 25th. inst. & dispersd it to all parts.

Generall and Councill of [Bombay] and President and Councill in Bengall, that which you please to mention for Bencoolen not coming to our hands we suppose it to be lodg'd at Batavia, however we have a Ship bound that way in few days by which we shall not fa[il] to advise them.

ffrench Ships to sail ye. 5r. next mō.

8. The three ffrench Ships are still at Pontichery and propose to sail the 5th. of next month.

The Susanna arrivd Bencoolen ye 17th. Octobr. & they hope to dispatch her in time. Reasons why they cond send us no pepper ℔ Frederick. We shall determine wn. ye. Frederick will sail ℔ Recovery.

9. By the Frederick we learn that your Ship Susanna arrivd Bencoolen the 17th. of Octobr. and they did not doubt of dispatching her so as to save her passage, but by rea[son] of the Warrs in the Northern parts about Bantall, from whence the greatest part of the Pepper is supply'd th[ey] cou'd not venture to spare any towards the Frederick loading, they write us that the Abingdon clear'd all the Godown's of Salt Petre, and what redwood there was [left] they have sent us upon the ffrederick which Ship is [now] ready kintelag'd and we will dispatch her in time [if poss]ible if not she must be a winter Ship, but we shall [be] able to determine th[is] matter by that time the Recovery sails.

Secondly concerning Goods sent and to be sent from Europe.

We desire ye. Leathern Furniture for ye. Military may be better for ye. Future.

10. We have little to add under this head, only that we have sent Duplicates of our Warehouse and Storekeepr's. List of demands in this packett, and we see no Reason to make any Alteration, only desire that the Belts and other Leather furniture for the Military may be better taken care of, because those we have [lately] receivd are generally rotten and unserviceable by that time they come [to hand].

[Capt.] Goughs Accot. of Mr. Gumleys Looks. Glasses.

11. In Answer to what your Honrs. wrote us [. . . .] [con]cerning Mr. Gumleys looking Glasses on the [. . .] and Herne, we have particularly examind Capt. Goug[h] who gives the following Accot. Vizt. That those intended upon the Herne were not shipd that he knows of and that what he had aboard were consignd singly to him; at Batavia in his passage to China he says he was credibly informd that he shou'd never be able to dispose of them and therefore Shipd them upon a Spanish Vessell bound to Manhila in hopes of finding a better Market there, the returns will be made by way of Batavia, and consequently it is not in our power to comply with yor. Order; if your Honrs. do not approve what the Gentlemen concern'd have done Mr. Gumley must make you Satisfaction, we find upon Strict enquiry that they were not sold in China nor brought hither; and we can assure you that there is no manner of demand neither in China nor here at present for that brittle Ware.

They are out of demand both [here] & in China.

Thirdly touching Investments in India.

The Cloth comes in apace at Ft. St. Dd. but having lost some [of the] washers, that work goes [but heavily] on.

12. The Cloth comes in very expediously upon the New Contract now at Fort St. David, but the Washers having thrô Negligence or connivance been suffer'd to go to Pontichery with their Familys upon the ffrench Ships Arrivall, that dammage is not easily to be repair'd, we have taken the properest methods we could think of to get a supply, but as they are raw [and] unexperiencd in comparison of those that left us, the work goes but heavily on and we cannot submitt to [have] the cloth so wretchedly cured as it was last Season.

13. As soon as your Ships are dispatchd we shall immediately proceed upon a new Contract both here, at Fort S^{t}. David and Vizagapatam in hopes of being able to load one of the biggest Ships you have abroad from hence in Sept^{r}. tho the ffrench comi[ng in] between us with such large stocks will be a great hin[drance] and prejudice to your Affairs.

When yor. Ships are dispatchd we shall enter upon a new [con]tract in order to provide [for] a large Ship next Sept^{r}.

14. We [daily] expect a Vessell from Ingeram with about One hundred and Ninety Bales, having receivd Advice[s] over land of her being dispatch'd but the winds are set [in] southerly allmost a month sooner than usuall.

We are in daily expect^{a}. of 190 Bales from Ingeram.

15. We have sent upon this Ship two bales of the finest Betteela's one of which of three Covids broad and hope th[at] will answer your Expectation, we expect more to come in, in time for the Recovery.

We send 2 bales fine Pettilas p^{r} this Ship.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

16. Under this head we have only to add that the Government round about us is peaceable and quiet that Serop Sing the Rajah of Chinjee is lately dead and a new Govern^{r}. expected to Succeed him and they write us from Vizagap^{m}. that their Nabob Habib Cawne is displac'd tis impossible for a worse to come in his room.

Serrop Sing lately dead. [&] Habid Cawn displacd.

17. The Metchlepatam Merchants stand stifly to their demands, we have never yet offerr'd them more than mention'd in our last but still hope to do something before the Recovery sails.

We coud do noths. wth. ye. Metchm. Merchts. since our last.

18. We have receivd advices that two ffrench Ships commanded by Mons^{r}. Boyneau, which came from France by way of Peru took the Ship Jane in her Voyage to Tonqueen some time in June last and narrowly missd severall others of our Ships bound to China and Manhila, the Jane was admitted to ransom but we have heard nothing of her nor of the ffrench since that time, however we hope by Virtue of the Cessation, and the peace concluded in Aprill to get the ransom excus'd.

We hear of one of our Ships being taken by Monsr. Boynor last June.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

19. What we see Occasion to add under this head is that we have in a manner done with tha[t] expensive Article [of] Building [here] till [we know your p]leasure concern[ing] proper Lodgings for your covenanted Servants, we shall endeavour to keep what we have done in good Repair.

We have done wth. ye. expensive article of Building till we hear further from you.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS & SOULDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

20. Upon this Ship we send M^{r}. Patrick Johnston that came out upon the King William, with a Commission for Lieut^{t}. under this Presidency, our former Letter by the Marlbrô as well as the Fort S^{t}. David Diary and Consultations will show how unfit he is to carry a Commission in your Service, and in our humble Opinion he deserves a severer punishment than We are impower'd at present to inflict upon him, wherefore we are very glad to rid your Settlements as fast as we can of such ill principled and ungratefull Men, and hope you will be pleas'd for the future to make strict enquiry into the lives and Conversations of the Military Officers you send abroad because we are inform'd from good hands that this Gentleman had but a very loose Charecter in England and was only sent abroad to disburthen the family.

[Upon] this Ship comes Patrick [Jo]hnston, you have an Accot. of his behavr. in our's p^{r} Marl[br]o & ye. Ft. St. David Diary. care in ye. choice of Officers [from] home recommdel.

reasons why we dont fill the Board.

21. Not knowing what Alterations your Hon^{rs}. may be pleased to make at this Board by the next Shipping on Acco^{t}. of M^{r}. Bulkleys laying down and the discoverys made relating to the Warehouse of which you had a full Acco^{t}. by the Dartmouth &ca., we have determind not to fill up the vacancy's till we hear further from you.

Messrs. Benyon and Warre deliverg. remonstrance and their Accots wth. Mr. Rawth. before ye. Board we appointed a Committee to examine them who made a Report ye. whole comes in ye. Packet to justifie them from Mr. Raworths [foul] accusations.

22. In our Consultation of the 22^{d}. ins^{t}. Mess^{rs}. Benyon & Warre late Attorneys to M^{r}. Rob^{t}. Raworth, deliverd a remonstrance and laid their Acco^{ts}. depending with him before the Board in order to justifye themselves for what they have acted in his affairs upon which we orderd a Committee of the Europe Comm^{drs}. and other persons skilld in Acco^{ts} to examine them and report their observations thereupon, which is complyd with and the whole put into Such a method as will be easiest [unders]tood by such persons as you shall be pleasd to appoint to examine them, and sent in a stitch'd book apart in the pa[cket] N°. (37); the Gentlemen concern'd humbly request that if M^{r}. Raworth shou'd load them in England with such foul Accusations as he has done in these parts of the world wth.out any manner of Reason, you will be pleasd to peruse and consider the true state of the matter before you entertain an ill opinion of the proceedings, which they humbly think they are able to justifie before any Court of Equity in the world.

Tho^{s}. Wilford sent to Vizagapm.

23. Since our last we have sent away Thomas Willford a writer to assist in your Factory at Vizagapatam.

Seventhly touching Accounts.

Mr. Rawths. Cash accot. wth. the necessary remarks comes in ye. Packet, we sent it to him at Pontichery but he refusd to look upon it, wherefore we shall sieze wt. we can of his for your Acco^{t}.

24. We send You by this Ship a Duplicate of M^{r}. Raworth's Account of Cash with [the] necessary remarks to Explain it, [that] were omitted in the [hurry] of the Marlbro's dispatch; We sent the same Acco^{t}. to Pontichery by two proper persons to see if M^{r}. Raworth had any thing to object against it, but he refus'd so much as to look into it, and declard that he woud not correspond with us but clear himself of the Ballance before yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. in England, which we know is impossible for him to do, hav^{g}. chargd him with no one Article but what he is justly accountable for, and therefore we are determin'd to Secure all we can lay our hands on towards making You Satisfaction.

We renew our Complaints to Pontichery but without succes We intend an accot. of wt. has passd betwn. Us apart ℔ Recovery.

25. This usage put [us]upon renewing our Just Complaints to the Govern^{r}. & Councill of Pontichery, thô with no better Success than before, we propose to send by the Recovery an Acco^{t}. apart of what has passd between us upon this Occasion not doubting but the ffrench Company will shew a just resen[t]ment of Govern^{r}. [D'U]liviers Proceedings, that may one time or Other be fatally [pre]judiciall to their Affairs.

List of Goods registerd ℔ Capt. Gough comes in the Packet.

[26.] Cap^{t}. Harry Gough of the Stretham has registered here severall Goods as ℔ List in the Packet N°. (31).

[27.] Inclos'd you will receive Invoice and Bill of Loading of this Ship amounting to one hundred Nineteen Thousand two hundred Sixty one Pagodas, twenty seven And fifty Cash, which we wish may arrive your Hon^rs^. in safety, and that Prosperity may attend your Affairs in Generall, being with great Respect

This Shipe Invo. amo^ts^. to Pags. 119261 : 27 : 50.

FORT S^T^ GEORGE,
THE 31^ST^. JAN^RY^. 171¾

HON^BLE^. S^RS^.
Yo^r^. most Obed^t^. hum^ble^. Servants
EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

REMARKS UPON THE ACCOUNT OF CASH ANNEX'D.

TO THE HON^BLE^. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble^. S^rs^.

As to the Ballance brought from the month of June it is taken from the Fort S^t^. David Account of Cash as sent us up hither signed by M^r^. Raworth and the Secretary as having been passd in Consultation.

The Next Article of five thousand Pag^s^. M^r^. Raworth swears he will n[ever] own and that it is a fictitious Bill of Exchange imposd [upon] him, but the rest of the Councill acknowledge their h[ea]ds to it, and we are very good Judges of his writing, besides they advise us of the said Bill in their Generall Letter of the 26^th^. January, which leaves no room for a dispute since he has no where debted the Cash for the mony as will plainly appear by their Cash Acco^t^. for the last twelve months sent home by the Marlbrô.'

As to the next Article of Seventeen hundred and three Pag^s^. we have wrote so fully concerning it in the Generall Letter that it needs no further explanation, only the point in dispute is, whether your Hon^rs^. will allow of a payment of that kind made the Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. singly to be good, if not, Matthew Weld is still Accountable [for] Equity, thô not worth a Pogoda in the world, 'tis our humble opinion that no payment of this kind ought to stand good unless made in Councill, otherwise many such inconveniencys as these now before us may frequently happen.

The three subsequent Articles of Pag^s^. twelve hundred forty five and twenty six fan^s^., Pag^s^. Seven hundred, and Pag^s^. Seven hundred eighty five and sixteen fanams are what M^r^. Raworth himself allows to have drawn upon us, but because the last of the three was drawn after we forbid them to draw any more, and we order'd the mony to be repaid out of y^e^. Cash, he pretends to credit his Acco^t^. of Cash, tho' he never repaid one Pagoda; as for the first Bill of Pag^s^. twelve hundred forty five and twenty six fanams, it was drawn before our Orders to the Contrary and therefore we paid it to M^r^. Henry Davenport, the Second article of Seven hundred Pag^s^. we accepted as being a dead persons Effects that died insolvent thô it is not yet paid in to the Mayors Court, however we think ourselves Answerable for it, as we always give a liberty on that Account.

The next Article of Pag^s^. two hundred one, ten fanams and three Cash as receivd by M^r^. Richard Harrison Paym^str^. but he credits M^r^. Raworth for it as mony paid him out of Cash and M^r^. Raworth omits to credit M^r^. Farmer who paid it in According to Custom, so that he is undoubtedly Accountable.

As to the following Article of Pag^{s}. Nine hundred paid in by Eram Rauz bound Renter, we can have no more than his Oath for it, since M^{r}. Raworth never Sufferr'd any of [the] payments to be made in Consultation, but for private Reasons best known to himself compelled them to pay the mony privately, and that any Govern^{r}. may very easily do, especially one of his Outrageous Temper, but there is one thing further to be remark'd that if Eram Rauz had not paid this mony, some complaint or Other wou'd have appeard and we can find none.

The next Article of three hundred pagodas needs no Explaning being a downright fraud as the mony was paid [in] Consultation & not enter'd in Cash, and sure [ly . . .] tend but that the Cashkeeper is Accountable.

The two following Articles of six hundred sixty [seven] Pagodas and twenty four fanams, and Sixteen hundred sixty six pagodas & twenty four fanams, are exactly of the same Nature with the foregoing of nine hundred paid in by Eram Rauz we have their severall Oaths for the payment of the mony, copys of which come in the packet N^{o}. (39), and we desire particular Orders concerning these Sums; the severall persons concern'd plead, that if they had refus'd payment, they must have fled your bounds, that in this Country they allways look upon the Govern^{r}. as the Companys Representative, and did believe that they were safe in paying the mony to him; they are no rich men, thô very usefull in your Business, and we apprehend that obliging them to pay it over again wou'd be their utter Ruin.

The following Article of four hundred & fifty Pag^{s}. we do find to be passd in a private Acco^{t}. between M^{r}. Raworth and Berriman, but that is not a regular payment, and if M^{r}. Raworth does not make it good, it is our opinion that Berriman must whenever he is able.

The Next Article of Pag^{s}. twelve hundred forty five, twenty two fanams and one Cash for customs not paid by M^{r}. Raworth, plainly appears from the Custom house Book, the severall goods been shipd off, landed and enter'd in his Name and for the first and largest Article of Pag^{s}. five hundred fifty five Pag^{s}. four fanams & one Cash, Gov^{r}. Harrison makes appear that he had paid it M^{r}. Raworth in Acco^{t}. and produces the Customers certificates that came hither with the goods to prevent him paying custom a second time here.

As for the Article of four hundred Pagodas Charges Garrison we think it very unreasonable to allow it him for defending the Fort against his Superiours and the Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Orders.

The last Article is the most Scandalous of all & needs no further remark than that he who refuses to be Accountable for such a ffund deposited in his hands for Charitable uses, will hardly ever stick at any thing else.

As for the Articles on the Creditor's side we allow [y^{t}] Each having sufficient Vouchers, and therefore they need no further Remarks.

As for the Merchants Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}. enter'd at the foot of the Cash, we must defer giving judgment upon it till our Shipping is dispatch'd, and we have time for a thorough Examination, but by what we have seen, we fear he will be likewise indebted to them.

Thus we have fairly explain'd the Accompanying Cash Acco^{t}. and if M^{r}. Raworth can clear himself of the Ballance without paying the mony, he has a secret that we are unacquainted with. We are with all submission & Respect

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 31ST. JAN^{RY}. 171$\frac{3}{4}$.

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Servants
EDWARD HARRISON.
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To Capt. Harry Gough,
Commdr. of Ship Stretham.

Your Ship being full laden You are hereby orderd to repair on bo[a]rd, and with the first Opportunity of Wind and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London, and whatever Port of Great Britain you arrive first at, we order you to send away your Purser with our Packet deliverd You in a Box markd [H] directed To the Hon^ble. [the] Court of Directors for Affairs of R^t. Hon^ble. United Company of Merchants of England Tradeing to the East Indies, To whom your Ship goes consignd.

We likewise deliver you a flying Packett Letter B, w^ch. you are to forward by Post or Express immediately upon your arrivall at any Port in Europe where Conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to the Hon^ble. Directors w^th. an Acco^t. of what has happen'd materiall in yo^r. Voyage.

The Hon^ble. Directors have complaind that while their Ships have been detaind in Ireland or Holland, they have wanted our Advices, thô at the same time the Commanders have had our positive orders to forward a small packet in the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obey'd and strictly enjoyn You once more to send away the pecket Letter B, as you will answer it to them on your Arrivall.

The Company's orders are that if any Ship shou'd be so late dispatch'd hence or that by any other misfortune she has no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they winter at Galle on the Island of Ceylon, and stay no longer there than the beginning of July; but if it so happens that they get up w^th. the Cape or near it, their Orders then are that they go to Mauritius to the South East side which is on the windward part of the Iland, where the Dutch had a settlement taking great care of your going in; 'tis further order'd that you do all possible to avoid going into the South West harbour or Carpenter's Bay, where tis likely the Pirats will look in; we are very credibly informd the Dutch have left the Island Mauritius so that you must be very carefull how you make it, & be always on your [guard] and keep constant looking out to prevent being surpriz'd securing yourself in the best manner you can during your stay there.

The Company have sent out a standing order to St. Helena to be inserted in all your Instructions, Viz^t. that whoever of you touch there, that you [bring] your Ship to an Anchor before you come open with Ch[a]ppell Valley near Munders point if you do not meet with good Anchor hold sooner, and then send yo^r. Boat ashore to give the Govern^r. intelligence who you are, for he is orderd to let no Ship pass that point and come into the Road, before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship shoud attempt to break this Order the Govern^r. has the Companys positive orders to fire on them.

We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come near any Ship at Sea if possible to be avoided, unless you have secure signalls concerted [before hand, as there may be pirats abroad as formerly.

You must allway keep the severall packets herewith deliver'd you at hand and in case you are in danger of fa[ll]ing into the Enemies hands, you are to throw them over board with all private Letters in your Ship, we wish you a prosperous Voyage and date these in Fort S^t. George this 31^st day of January $171\frac{3}{4}$.

Edward Harrison.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP STRETHAM CAPT. HARRY GOUGH COMMANDER.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated the 31st. January 171¾.
2. Copy Ditto ℔ Marlbrô dated the 19th. Janry.
3. Invoice of Ship Stretham amounting to Pags. 119261 : 27 : 50.
4. Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
5. Copy of Ship Marlbrô's Invoice amounting to pags. 181671 : 18 : 16.
6. Second Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
7. Acco[t]. of Ships their Arrivall at & departure from Fort St. George to Ultimo January 171¾.
8. Maddapollam Yatch's Acco[t]. Curr[t].
9. Abstract of the Honble. Compa. [. . .] the pmo. January 171¾.
10. Acco[t]. of what goods receivd from [. . . the] Bay to the Ulto. Decemr.
11. List of the first Company of [Soldiers] in Fort St. George.
12. List of the Second Do. ... ... in Do.
13. List of the third Do. ... ... in Do.
14. List of the Gunroom Crew in Do.
15. Copy of Mr. Matthew Welds Acco[t]. Curr[t]. as stated at Fort St. David.
16. Acco[t]. Remains in the import Warehouse of Fort St. George to the [Ultmo.] December 1713.
17. Ditto in the Storehouse to [Do] time.
18. [Copy of Cap[t]. Matthew Martin's] request for 648 bags of Salt Petre more than Charterparty.
19. List of Demands for the Warehouse for the Year 1715.
20. Storekeeper's Ditto for the same time.
21. Secretary's List of Stationary Wares wanting.
22. Paymaster's Acco[t]. Curr[t]. with Francis Barnard deceas'd.
23. Copy of a Protest against Robert Raworth Esqr. dated ye. 14th. Octobr. 1713.
24. Copy of a Second Ditto . . . . . dated ye. 21st. Ditto.
25. Copy of the Honble. President's Letter to Governr. D'Ulivier with his Answer thereto, in relation to the Article upon which Mr. Raworth was permitted to go to Pontichery.
26. Copy of Mr. Raworth's Acco[t]. Cash sent from Pontichery.
27. Copy Ditto as stated by Mr. Frederick and Councill with Remarks thereupon Annex'd.
28. Copy of one of Mr. Raworth's Consultations dated the 8th. July 1713.
29. Copy of a parcell of Ship Hannover's Invoice from Great Britain wrong cast £ 100 : 10.
30. Paymasters List of Ship Strethams Company.
31. List of Goods registerd by Cap[t]. Gough.
32. List of Diamonds registerd on Ship Stretham.
33. Surgeons List of Medecines wanting for ye. Garrison of Fort St. George.
34. Copy of severall affidavits relats. to ye. attack upon Condaph's Choultry.
35. Copy of Styleman Gostlin's Diary during his stay with Mr. Raworth in ye. Fort.
36. Copy of Mr. Raworth's Instructions to John Barrow when he left the Fort.
37. Messrs. Benyon & Warre's Remonstrance wth. the Annexd Acco[t]. Currts. depending with Mr. Raworth.
38. Copy of the Bound & Arrack renters Oaths of what extorted from them by Mr. Raworth at Fort St. David.
39. Copy of Cap[t]. Gough's [. . . .]
40. Attested Copys of [. . . .] not accounted for by Mr. Raworth.
41. Copy Paragraph [. . . .] Mr. Robert Berriman (who was sent to Mr. Raworth to Pontichery about his Acco[t]. Cash) to Mr. William Warre.
42. List of the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE BOOKS VIZT.

Consultations & Diarys	Commencing 28th. August 1713.	
	Concluding 22d. January 171¾.	
Letters Receivd	Commencing 11th. July 1713.	
	Concluding 19th. Janry. 171¾.	
Letters Sent	Commencing 25th. Septemr. 1713.	
	Concluding 28th. January 171¾.	
Cash	Commencing pmo. Septr.	1713.
	Concluding Ulto. Decemr.	

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT SAINT GEORGE TO THE COMPANY PER RECOVERY. FEBRUARY 11, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 3, pp.* 261–268.]

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE. UNITED
COMPA. OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

℔ Ship Recovery Capt. Richard Heathfield.

HONBLE. SRS.

Our last to your Honrs. was dated the 31st Ulto. by Ship Stretham dispatchd hence the 1st instt. thô the Winds hung so contrary that she did not get out of Sight till the 3d following; We wish her a speedy and safe Arrivall, & shall add what has occurr'd of moment since, passing over those heads under which we have nothing to write.

Our last was ℔ Stretham.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

2. This comes by the Recovery fully laden as by the Accompanying Invoice Amounting to Pagodas Eighty two Thousand Nine hundred fifty, Eleven fanams & seven Cash. The Frederick is ready kentilag'd and we will [—] night and day to dispatch her, but there have happend so many disappointments that we cannot be sure [she] will save her passage; great part of the Vizagapatam Goods are unexpectedly and contrary to promise com[ing] brown, when our washers hands are full of our own cloth, and one hundred Bales less than we depended [on] we have already informd you how our washers were [sent] from us at Fort St. David, which has been so great a hindrance, that from the beginning of November (at which time the Merchants began to bring in goods upon the[ir] Contract) they have been able to wash no more than the hundred Bales, we can only say that no Endeavou[r] be wanting, and we are in a manner certain to [fit her] up in all this month so that her passage about the Ca[pe] depend chiefly [upon] the good performance of the Ship & the Resolutions [of] the Capt. & officers, whether they wil[l . . .] for it or no [so late] in the Season.

The Recoverys Invo. amots. to Pags. 82950: 11: 7.

The dispatch of ye Frederick renderd uncertain thro Sevll. Disappointments.

3. The French Ships saild from Pontichery the 6th instt. in the morning, having on Board about fourteen hundred Bales of Callicoes of this Coast, the most part midling long-cloth and a good quantity of Oringall Betteelaes, the late Governr. of Pontichery Mr. Hebert wth. his Son, & Mr. Raworth are gone Passengers upon them.

ffrench Ships saild ye 6th inst. What they chiefly carried.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

4. Our last Investment is very near compleated, that is, the Cloth is in our bounds, but the Washers cannot go so fast as our present Occasion requires without spoiling ye Cloth.

Our last Investment near Compleated.

5. Our Merchants have brought a parcell of Long cloth and Sallampores from the Tanjore Country near Trincombar for a triall, which appearing to us to be very good of the kind, we have bought it for ready mony and now send Twenty two Bales upon this Ship under the Letter T to see how it proves & if it should answr. Expecta. a greater quantity may be procur'd.

We send 22 bales of Tanjore cloth for a tryall, wch. if answers we can procure more.

[We] send likewise 5 Bales of [fine] Madrapauk Bettilas.

6. We have likewise sent five bales of fine Madrapauk Betteela's one of which is three Covids broad, but not so fine as what sent on the Stretham, the French interposing and giving greater prizes than Ordinary has made these goods difficult to be procur'd.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS & REVENUES.

Subscription to ye. new [Hos]pitall comes in ye. Packet.

7. All we have to add under this head is, that According to promise we now send the Subscription to the New Hospitall, which if Voyages come out well this next Season will be very considerably encreasd.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS, OFFICERS & SOULDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

[Ay]nsworth comes upon [this ship].

8. There has happen'd no Alteration under this head, only Fleet Aynsworth writer, of whose irregular Behaviour we have given an Acco^{t}. in our former Letters comes passenger upon this Ship, and we can find no other way to reform loose Livers, but by letting them [see] we are in [Ear]nest and will put your orders in Execution.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS.

We send a List of Debts due from Mr. Rawth. to yor. Hon^{rs}. & others. We have warranten his Attorneys for paying in the Ballce. of wt. remaind in their hands. We send likewise a Dupte. of his Accots. stated by Arbitration, by wch. it will appear how basely he has wrong'd us.

9. According to promise we send yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. [a list of debts and] M^{r}. Raworth appears justly indebted to you [and other] persons except the Article of Interest which [we leave] Blank in Expectation of your further order's, you [are] to observe in our Consultation of the first Feb^{ry}. that [we] have warranted his Attorneys for paying in the Bal[lance] remaining in their hands into yo^{r}. Cash, and if we can find any thing more belonging to him we shall not fail [to] secure it, thô he has already publickly chargd us with plundering his Estate when we have only been doing our duty in [ob]ligeing him to make restitution for plundering yours, and we are of Opinion he cannot make appear by any fair Acco^{t}. that ever he was master of an Estate or anything like it, we send in the packet a Duplicate of his Acco^{ts}. [sta]ted by fair Arbitration from the time of your Presidents Arrivall, by which it will appear how basely he has wrong'd this Board the Govern^{r}. in particular, Mess^{rs}. B[ernard] Benyon & William Warre his last Attorneys.

We send an Accot. of wt. passd between Us & Pontichery, to lay that matter before you in one view.

10. We likewise send in this packet an Acco^{t}. of what passed between us and the Gentlemen at Pontichery in [order] to lay that Matter before your Hon^{rs}. in a true light at one view which must otherwise have picked out of the Letter books with farr greater Trou[ble], We flatter ourselves that we have the Advantage of [them] in the Argument and that they have done what will [never] be approv'd by such as have any true regard to the saf[ety] of Commerce in these parts of the world.

The Metchm. Merchts. seem more tractable, They have had encouragemt. given them of recovering their debt by suit, but we have disswaded them from such a project.

11. We are very glad to acquaint your Hon^{rs}. that Metchlepatam Merchants seem more tractable upon the [despatch] of this Ship, they have had some extraordinary Encourage[ment] given them from England to expect the whole debt, and Interest, if they wou'd give full power to Sue, but [we are] so well satisfied [that] of the inconveniencys & disappointments that wou'd attend [their] proceeding in that [. . .] to have lain all [that to be set] aside, & as soon [. . .] promise [. . .] to [. . .].

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

12. Not having wrote any thing in our former Letters under this head we shall now collect the most materiall passages out of your Dep^ty^. Govern^r^. & Councill's Letter to Us by the Frederick with the substance of our Answer and what measures we have taken to Supply them. Ltr from West Coast.

13. But first we must observe in their copy of what wrote your Hon^rs^. by the Abingdon, that they have begun a new method of drawing Bills home upon You at the Rate of six Shillings ℔ Dollar, which we know not well what to say to, having no directions on that Article, but we shall by the next conveyance require them to forbear drawing any more till they know your pleasure. [We] observe they have drawn on you at 6s. ℔ Dollr. wch. [we] shall forbid till we know yor. [p]leasure.

14. Under the head of Shipping they write us, that on the 21^st^. of June they hired the Elizabeth Brigantine for the Bantall service, which we thought very strange considering the Abingdon was there and had lain idle from the time of her Arrivall in March, we have represented this matter to them and forbid it's being so any more. [Report]ing their hiring ye. Eliza. [Bri]gantine.

15. They complain that Severall Stores intended for them by the Susanna, were taken out by the Gov^r^. & Councill of St. Helena, which is a great disappointment and therefore we hope you will be pleasd to forbid it hereafter. [They] complain of Stores designd [for them] ℔ Susanna, taken out [for St.] Helena.

16. We have directed them instead of advising your Hon^rs^. w^t^. Tonnage they can be able to dispatch, to mention only how many [Bahar of Pepper] can be depended on and to leave it to you to suit the Tonnage ; we observe the Abingdon took the Advantage of putting out her iron Kentilage & thereby carried home an unprofitable quantity of Salt Petre. We directed them to men[tion yor.] Honrs. wt. pepper they can [send] leaving ye. Tonnage to you.

17. We have acquiesed to their keeping your Ship President for the use of that Coast, not knowing how she can be better employ'd they press us very earnestly for more vessells from hence, which will be very chargeable, and therefore we press them as much to procure Sloops if possible from Batavia we hope to send them [in] this season for a tryall and when we see the Acco^ts^. [we will be] able to judge whether or no y^e^. [. . .] make [. . .] the Expence. Agrs. [to t^i^eir keepg.] ye. Presidt. [and pressing for more Vessels.]

18. We cannot forbear once more desiring the [. . .] annually touch here before she proceeds for the West Coast [for] otherwise your Affairs cannot be carried on with so mu[ch] exactness and frugality as they ought to be, we have at present no trade to the West Coast, and consequently whenever there is the least Occasion to transport Soldiers. Stores and Ammunition a Vessell must be equip'd out on purpose and will cost a considerable sum of Mony, whereas when one of your Ships arrives here in May or June, we shall [see] what provision you have made of Covenanted servant[s] and by our last advices from thence we can add what we find will be wanting and no more, in the next place by knowing how many soldiers you send out, we can the better judge how many it will be necessary for us to send from hence, as a supply till the Ensuing season, for it may sometimes happen that great part of them die in the [Voy]age, further by knowing what stores you are pleas'd to send from England we shall by their last list of dema[nd] know what will be necessary to supply them with, and this will be done at once without any extraordinary [cost] besides the Benefit of carrying over as many Bales as [we] supply the market for a twelve month. We again desire yor. Honrs. to order [some] of yor. W^t^. Coast Ships to touch here in her way. The Conveni. encies that will attend it & advantage it will be to yor. Affr.

19. We must further hint to your Hon^rs^. that be the m[ortality] never so great, [we d]are not hazard any Considerable Number of Men upon our Country Vessells, since [they ge]nerally go with an ill will, and that may be attended with the worst of Consequences.

There has been a great Mortality among them this year.

20. There has been this year a raging Pestilence tha[t] swept away most of your Military, and the greatest [part] of your Covenanted Servants, and M[r]. Collet complain[ing] very much for want of able assistance, we have [provided him] with one M[r]. Thomas Clopton free Merchant of this [place] a sober, staid & sensible Man, well vers'd in Acco[ts]. to [be] fourth in Councill and one James Morris a young [man] very well quali[fied] for Business to go as a Factor, and we are forcd [. . .] because the good usefull [. . .] our own [. . .] than [strange] affairs, and as for the Other Sort they desire us by no means to send them, Since they may happen by sudden Mortality to arrive at trusts, which they are no way capable of discharging.

We have sent over one Thos. Clopton 4th. of Councill & James Morries Factor to their Assistance.

We have supplyd them wth. a Surgeon & mate also 16 Soldiers [being] as many as we dare [venture] on a Country Ship, all wch. wth. ye. Stores wrote for, went [℔] Dolbin.

21. We have likewise supplyd them with a Surgeon and Surgeon's Mate, there being but one Man upon the Coast of that Faculty, and he at deaths door when the Frederick came away; Sixteen Soldiers were as many as we durst venture upon a Country ship, and all these together with the Stores they wrote for, are shipd upon the Dolbin that touch'd here by Accident in her Voyage from Bengall to Batavia, so that we shall have the Business done for a small matter, which woud otherwise have stood us in a Considerable sum of Mony.

Copper Cash are made Curr[t].

22. The Affair of Copper Cash is very well settled and they go as Curr[t]. as any other mony, the Supernumeray quantity being sent us over by the Frederick, as also the remainder of their Fanams.

[Better] they may be supply[d direct] from England.

23. We beg you will be pleasd to supply the Coast with as many Stores as possible directly from England, for they draw more from us than we are able to supply without prejudicing ourselves.

[Many] unhappy differences [among] Natives in ye. Northn. [parts] for composing wch. [requires] necessity for us to [interpos]e.

24. There is an unhappy disturbance among the Natives in the Northern Settlements, which is a great hindrance to the increase of pepper, much the larger quantity usually coming out of those Rivers, the quarrell is of a long standing between the hœreditary Prince and the Rajahs, and our own people have been too buisy in fomenting the differences for private Ends of their own, your Present Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. has endeavour'd to compose them by ffair Means, but not being able to succeed, necessity now requires him to interpose with a sufficient force, or else both the Pepper Plantations and your Settlements will be entirely ruin'd, Cap[t]. Richard Phrip having been present when this Affair was debated at Bencoolen will be able to give your Hon[rs]. a particular account [of the] Condition your Northern Settlem[ts]. are in, and the [necessity] there is for us to interpose.

We have rec'd their Cash accot. [to] ye. 1st. Novemr. ye. ballce. of wch. is Dollrs. 50584: 2 : 86, also their Books wch. we have not [now] time to examine.

25. We received the West Coast Acco[t]. of Cash, [. . .] Fredericks coming away which was the 1[st] Novemb[r]. our [Europe] dispatches will not at Present permit us to examine the Bo[oks] we have receivd, but we shall immediately set about it as soon as this Ship is saild, the Ballance of their Cash was Fifty thousand five hundred Eighty four Dollars, two fan[s]. & Eighty six Cash, besides the goods remaining in [their] Godowns which we sent them by the ffrederick.

We have accepted their Bills ℔ Frederick amog. to Pags. 3549–35.

26. We have Accepted and promis'd payment of severall B[ills] of Exchange drawn on us by the Frederick amounting to Dollars five thousand six hundred Seventy nine, three fan[s]. and forty two Cash at Sixteen Dollars to Ten Pag[s]. make three thousand five hundred forty nine Pag[s]. and thirty fi[ve] fanams and is for the Acco[t]. of deceasd Persons Effects sold and the money paid into your Cash in Specie, wich Cap[t]. Phrip Assures us to be true, and that he does believe the present Dep[ty]. Gov[r]. a Man of so much integrity and uprightness in his Actions, that he wou'd never be guilty [of] such practises as were frequent with his predecessors.

Capt. Phrip's opinion of the Depty Govern[r].

27. In our Letter by the Frederick we found fault [with] Exchange at Sixteen Dollars for Ten Pag^{s}. for which [they] have now given us a Satisfactory Reason; which is [that] formerly all sort of light pieces were taken in at sev[en] by Tale upon which they found a great loss when they [had] to pay them away by weight and therefore to make [quanti]tys easy they take in none but by weight of sevent[een] & half penny w^{tts}. at sixteen Dollars for ten Pag^{s}. which [is] very moderate Exchange hither.

They have given us Satisfactory reasons for their altering ye. Exch^{e} from 17 to 16 Doll^{rs}. for 10 Pags.

28. In the 20th paragr̃: of their Letter by the Frederick [they] earnestly press us for a few Chests of Mexico Dollars to [pur]chase pepper or else that we will give them a liberty on us as Opportunity offers, otherwise they shall be [reduced to] great Streights before Supply can come from [Europe] we have return'd [Ans]wer by the Dolbin, that we have [no Mex]ico Dollars by us [nor] indeed any money appropriate [for the] Service of that [Coast] however we have permitted the [. . .] they find a [. . .] being reduc'd to want [. . .] the next [Ship] [*a line lost*] draw [. . .] dollars which we reckon sufficient for one Ships Cargo of Pepper, and this ill convenience will be remedied if one of your Ships touches here outward bound, by which means we shall know what Stock you send & whether any further Supply will be necessary from hence.

They press us for Mexico Doll^{rs}. or else to give them to draw wn. opportunity offers.

Wch. considers. ye. ill consequences of a restraint, we have agreed to as far as 12,000 Dollars.

ill convenie-ce will be [re]medied by one of yor. Ships touching here.

29. The Affairs of this Coast in generall have taken quite a new turn under the Management of M^{r}. Collet; the people all round about them are entirely satisfied with his conduct and even Temper, the Pepper Plantations are wonderfully encreas'd and if it pleases God to continue his health, there is no doubt but your will reap a Considerable benefit from these happy alterations, however we hope You will consider the uncertainty of the Climate and make some Provision of Persons endow'd with the same good Qualities to succeed him in case of Accidents, otherwise we must always be supervising from hence which will be a chargeable article attended with many other inconveniencys. We have no more to add at present except our Sincere wishes that your trade may flourish, and with the greatest Respect, We are,

The good Effects in generall of Mr. Collets management.

provisions for Mortality re[co]mmended.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
Y^{E}. 11TH FEB^{RY}. $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.
EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

[P.S.]

HON^{BLE}. S^{RS}.

Since closing the foregoing, we have Receiv'd of M^{rs}. Mary Frederick as Attorney for her husband the sum of Pag^{s}. two thousand four hundred ninety five, Eleven fan^{s}. & three Cash, being the Ballance of Cap^{t}. John Blacon's Estate dec^{d}. and have given her three Bills on yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. of this days date for Eleven hundred thirty two pounds seventeen Shillings & ten pence half penny payable to M^{r}. John Harrison of lime house corner at thirty days sight, with w^{ch}. we request your Compliance.

Cap^{t}. Richard Heathfield Comm^{dr}. of the Recovery has registerd severall Goods, here of you A list in the Packet N°. (14).

Mess^{rs}. Benyon & Warre have this day paid into your Cash the sum of Pag^{s}. Eight thousand five hundred Ninetyfour twenty nine fan^{s}. fifty two Cash & half being y^{e}. ball^{ce}. [of] their Acco^{t}. with M^{r}. Raworth. We once more wish prosperity to your affairs and are,

[Fort S^{t}.] George
Feb^{ry}. y^{e}. 11th. $17\frac{13}{14}$

Hon^{ble}. S^{rs}.
Your most Obed^{t}. humble Servants.
Edward Harrison.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.

[. . .] Ships now dispatch'd having [. . .] for S^{t}. Helena in [. . .]

Letter from Fort S^{t}. George to S^{t}. Helena, February 11, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol.* 3, *Page* 269.]

To the Worsh^{ll}. the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. & Councill of S^{t}. Helena.

Gent^{n}.

We have receiv'd yours dated the 18th Novemb^{r}. 1712 and June the 29th 1713; the Ships that fill up here this Season had their Tonnage for your Place put aboard them in Bengall for which Reason we have no opportunity of sending you any thing from hence.

If you had look'd into the Invoice by the Howland [be]fore your Letter was wrote you wou'd have seen sixteen ha[lf] Leagers of Arrack and then there had been no occasion for [the] word, Crop'd, which is a term of the Cooper's Art unknown [&] unpractisd here.

We shall take care to send you a muster of Arrack [. . .] up hereafter, and what else we have orders to supply you [with] shall be both good and Serviceable when you tell us for what.

We know very well you are not dependant on us, [how]ever we address to you in the same stile that we find upon our Register to your Predecessors and so we must [con]tinue to do till our R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Masters signifie other[s also] under their hands, not having seen your Commission more than You have Ours. We wish you health & [are]

Fort S^{t}. George
The 11th. Feb^{ry}. $17\frac{13}{14}$.

Gentlemen
Yo^{r}. hum^{ble}. Servants.
Edward Harrison.
William Jennings.
Bernard Benyon.
William Warre.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.

GENTLEMEN

Since the foregoing we have receivd Advices that ffrench Ships are [saild] from Pontichery with intent [. . .] with You and upon them comes Mr. Robert Raworth Deptv. Governr. of Fort St. David of whose irregular[ity] you will have [known] and how [he is indebted to] our Rt. Honble. [Company] The ffrench [. . .] Kings protection and passage upon their Ships contrary to the Governr. of Ponticherys solemn promise to send him hither if he did not tender us a satisfactory Accot. for which Reason we must give it as our Opinion and Advice that You shou'd insist upon his being deliver'd up to go home upon one of our Ships before the ffrench have the freedom of our Port, or if that cannot be done and he comes ashore, we hope you will have that regard to the Companys Interest as to secure him and send him to appear before our Rt. Honble. Masters. We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
FEBRY. THE 11TH. 171¼.

Gentlemen
Yor. humble. Servants
EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

[To] CAPT. RICHARD HEATHFIELD
[Co]MDR. OF SHIP RECOVERY

Your Ship being full laden you are hereby orderd to repair on board, and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London, and whatever Port of Great Britain you arrive first at, we order you to send away yor. Purser with our Packet deliverd you in a Box markd A, directed to the Honble. ye. Court of Directors for affairs of the Rt. Honble. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, To Whom yor. Ship goes consign'd.

We likewise deliver you a flying Packet Letter B, which you are to forward by Post or Express immediately upon your Arrivall at any P[ort] in Europe where Conveyance can be had, taking care to [write] yourself to the Honble. Directors, wth. an Accot. of what [has hap]pend materiall in yor. Voyage.

The Rt. Honble. [Directors have complained] that while the Ships have been detaind in Ireland or Holland they [have] wanted our Advices thô at the same time the Commander[s] have had our positive Orders to forward a small packet [in] the manner before directed, which we admire has not been obeyd and strictly enjoyn you once more [to send] away [the] Packet Letter B, as you will answer it to them on yor. Arrivall.

The Companys Orders are that if any Ship [by . . .] should be [so late] dispatched from hence or if that by any other misfortune [she has] no hopes of getting about the Cape, that they then [winter] at Galle on the Island of Ceylon, and stay no longer there than the beginning of July, but if it so happens that th[ey] get up with the Cape or near it, their Orders then are [that] they go to Mauritius to the South East Side, which is [on the] Windward part of the Island where the Dutch had a settlement, taking great care of your going in; Tis further order'd that you do all possible to avoid going into the [North] West Harbour or Carpenters Bay, where' tis likely [the ffrench] will look in; We are very credibly inform'd the [Dutch] have let the Island Mauritius, so that you must [be very] carefull how you make it, and be always on your [guard] and keep constant looking out to prevent being su[rprized] securing yourself in the best manner you can during [your] stay there.

The Company have sent out a standing order to S^{t}. Helena to be incerted in all your instructions Viz^{t}. that wh[o]ever of you touch there, that you bring your Ship to an anchor before you come open with Chappell Valley near Mundens' point if you do not meet with good Anchor hold sooner, and then send your boat ashore to give the Govern^{r}. intelligence who you are, for he is orderd to let no Ship pass that point and Come into the road before he knows what they are and whence they come, and if any Ship shou'd attempt to break this order, the Gov^{r}. has the Companys positive orders to fire on them.

We strictly enjoin you as formerly not to come near any Ship at Sea if possible to be avoided unless you have secur[ed] signalls concerted beforehand so as to know they are [of your] Companions (because we are not sure the peace is [concluded] and there may be pirats abroad as forme[rly reported].

You must always keep the Severall packets herewith deliver'd You at hand, and in case you are in danger of falling into any Enemies hands, you are to throw them over board with all private Letters in your Ship. We wish You a Prosperous Voyage and date these in Fort S^{t}. George this 11th. day of February 171$\frac{3}{4}$.

EDWARD HARRISON.
WILLIAM JENNINGS.
BERNARD BENYON.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICHARD HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMART.
THOMAS COOKE.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO THE HON^{BLE}. Y^{E}. COURT OF DIRECTORS ℔ SHIP RECOVERY CAP^{T}. RICHARD HEATHFIELD COMM^{DR}.

No. 1. Generall Letter to the Hon^{ble}. Directors dated the 11th. Feb^{ry}. 171$\frac{3}{4}$.
2. Copy Ditto ℔ Stretham dated 31st. Jan^{ry}.
3. Invoice of Ship Recovery Amounting to Pag^{s}. 82950: 11: 7.
4. Bill of loading of Ditto Ship.
5. Copy of Ship Stretham's Invoice amo^{tg}. to Pag^{s}. 119261: 27: 50.
6. Bill of Loading of Ditto Ship.
7. Maddapollam Yatch's Acco^{t}. Curr^{t}.
8. Acco^{t}. Remains in the import Warehouse in ffort S^{t}. George.
9. Abstract of the Companys Revenues.
10. Acco^{t}. of what goods received from and sent to the Bay.
11. Acco^{t}. Remains in the Callicoe Warehouse in Fort S^{t}. George after the dispatch of the Recovery.
12. Copy of M^{r}. Raworth's Acco^{t}. Cash as stated by M^{r}. Frederick and Counc^{ll}. with remarks there upon annexd.
13. Paymasters list of Ship Recovery's Company.
14. List of goods register'd by Cap^{t}. Heathfield.
15. List of Diamonds on Ship Recovery.
16. [...] Messrs Benyon & Warre's Remonstrance with the annexd Acco^{t}. [...] [...] depending with [...] M^{r}. Raworth.
17. [...] and & Arrack [...] of what extorted from them by [...]
18. Subscription to the New Hospitall of Fort S^{t}. George
19. List of what M^{r}. Raworth appears to be indebted in India.
20. Copys of Severall Letters passed between this Board and the Govern^{r}. & Councill of Pontichery relating to M^{r}. Raworth.
21. Copy of Cap^{t}. Richard Heathfields dispatch.
22. Copy of our Letter to the Govern^{r}. and Councill of S^{t}. Helena ℔ Recovery.
23. List of the Packet.

Coppys of M^{r}. Henry Davenport's and the Hon^{ble}. Presi[dents] Diary and Consultations during the late Troubles at Fort S^{t}. David.

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